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### STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 10,626 tons in February, 1955, compared with 9,067 tons in the corresponding month of 1954. This month's total included 6,704 tons of plain wire, 2,525 tons of galvanized wire, 141 tons of other coated wire, 1,149 tons of barbed wire and 107 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in February of last year, the amounts being 1,137 tons and 1,087 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 5,009 tons from 4,558 tons in February, 1954.

Table 1 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	February, 1954		February, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
<b>Steel wire -</b>				
Plain .....	18,833	5,793	21,857	6,704
Galvanized .....	4,977	2,201	5,508	2,525
Other coated .....	179	129	148	141
Barbed .....	800	813	1,104	1,149
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	239	131	259	107
<b>Wire fencing -</b>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	1,138	867	1,231	881
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	150	143	205	96
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ....	287	77	342	160
<b>Wire rope -</b>				
Steel wire rope .....	1,333	1,347	1,552	1,700
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ...	121*	88*	97	79
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	540*	336*	468	388
<b>Nails, tacks and staples -</b>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	5,068	4,558	5,743	5,009
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	57	43	39	60
Nails, aluminum .....	6	7	6	4
Wire staples, steel .....	110	125*	119	135
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	75	94	78	90

\* Revised.

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Table 2 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Two Months Ended February, 1954 and 1955

Item	Two months ended February, 1954		Two months ended February, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<b>Steel wire -</b>				
Plain .....	36,748	10,910	42,711	13,306
Galvanized .....	9,230	3,972	10,783	4,699
Other coated .....	365	330	351	265
Barbed .....	1,329	1,646	1,733	1,966
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	430	231	420	227
<b>Wire fencing -</b>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	2,139	1,604	2,398	1,578
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	304	218	382	131
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	548	248	699	281
<b>Wire rope -</b>				
Steel wire rope .....	2,647	2,621	3,069	3,263
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ..	291*	166*	223	184
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	1,261*	711*	924	656
<b>Nails, tacks and staples -</b>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	9,735	8,070	10,268	10,365
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	116	106	81	109
Nails, aluminum .....	15	15	13	11
Wire staples, steel .....	210	227	206	229
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	146	173	158	156

\* Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	January, 1955	
	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing .....	481,200	30,882
Wire of steel, drawn flat or cold rolled flat after drawing, not more than .25 inch in width and less than .1875 inch in thickness, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	26,700	5,206
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	211,600	18,534
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material .....	83,600	20,576
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	940,700	164,589
Wire for upholstery springs .....	39,900	3,194

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products (Concluded)

Item	January, 1955	
	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays .....	4,500	2,340
Wire of steel, valued at not less than $2\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope .....	2,127,300	227,634
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ....	-	15,653
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	700	248
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. ....	925,200	134,588
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	-	18,850
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	-	14,873
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	-	3,526
Cut nails .....	18,000	5,868
Tacks of all kinds .....	3,182	1,012
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes .....	525,100	37,979
Nails and brads .....	23,369	6,339

NOTE: "n.o.p." means "not otherwise provided for" in the statistical classification.

Data on imports during February are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	February, 1955		Two months ended February, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	-	-	-	-
Other wire of iron and steel .....	-	4,721	-	4,859
Woven wire fencing .....	-	512	-	512
Wire nails .....	54,700	5,327	80,100	8,069
Tacks .....	4,000	800	31,000	6,141
Nails and brads, other .....	13,600	4,796	57,200	9,024

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