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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 13,708 tons in March, 1955, compared with 10,728 tons in the corresponding month of 1954. This month's total included 8,580 tons of plain wire, 2,791 tons of galvanized wire, 145 tons of other coated wire, 2,090 tons of barbed wire and 102 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in March of last year, the amounts being 2,016 tons and 2,040 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 10,456 tons from 6,154 tons in March, 1954.

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

Item	STATISTICS CANADA	STATISTIQUE CANADA	March, 1954		March, 1955	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
			(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>						
Plain	APR 18 1987		24,254	6,492	26,821	8,580
Galvanized	BIBLIOTHEQUE		6,113	2,822	6,296	2,791
Other coated			149	118	174	145
Barbed			946	1,129	1,268	2,090
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes			286	167	173	102
<u>Wire fencing -</u>						
Woven wire farm fencing			1,265	1,663	1,337	1,583
Woven wire lawn fencing			211	200	125	164
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)			302	177	293	269
<u>Wire rope -</u>						
Steel wire rope			1,215	1,949	1,636	1,760
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ...			209*	99*	88	96
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)			739*	365*	446	396
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>						
Wire nails, iron and steel			6,573	6,154	6,985	10,456
Cut nails, iron and steel			58	65	89	98
Nails, aluminum			5	6	9	8
Wire staples, steel			228	277	151	251
Tacks of steel, brass and copper			86	87	81	71

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

Item	Three months ended March, 1954		Three months ended March, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -				
Plain	61,002	17,402	69,532	21,886
Galvanized	15,343	6,794	17,079	7,490
Other coated	514	448	525	410
Barbed	2,275	2,775	3,001	4,056
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	716	398	593	329
Wire fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	3,404	3,267	3,735	3,161
Woven wire lawn fencing	515	418	507	295
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	850	425	992	550
Wire rope -				
Steel wire rope	3,862	4,570	4,705	5,023
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ..	500	265	311	280
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	2,000	1,076	1,370	1,052
Nails, tacks and staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	16,308	14,224	17,253	20,821
Cut nails, iron and steel	174	171	170	207
Nails, aluminum	20	21	22	19
Wire staples, steel	438	504	357	480
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	232	260	239	227

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	February, 1955		Two months ended February, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing	338,700	23,676	819,900	54,558
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.	5,900	1,135	32,600	6,341
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	344,000	44,511	555,600	63,045
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material	41,000	13,382	124,600	33,958
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	882,100	130,060	1,822,800	294,649
Wire for upholstery springs	134,400	11,111	174,300	14,305

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

Item	February, 1955		Two months ended February, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	12,800	5,105	17,300	7,445
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	2,153,700	228,234	4,281,000	455,868
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ...	-	31,658	-	47,311
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	3,800	1,107	4,500	1,355
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	673,600	105,351	1,580,100	239,939
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter	-	13,027	-	31,877
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p.	-	15,742	-	30,615
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations	-	1,014	-	4,540
Cut nails	55,800	7,611	73,800	13,479
Tacks of all kinds	2,640	910	5,822	1,922
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	643,000	40,847	1,168,100	78,826
Nails and brads	31,339	8,408	54,708	14,747

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

Data on imports during March are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	March, 1955		Three months ended March, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	-	-	-	-
Other wire of iron and steel	-	-	-	512
Woven wire fencing	-	19,493	-	24,352
Wire nails	57,100	5,917	137,200	13,986
Tacks	47,100	9,643	78,100	15,784
Nails and brads, other	700	108	57,900	9,132

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