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### STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 13,684 tons in June, 1955, compared with 10,352 tons in the corresponding month of 1954. This month's total included 9,028 tons of plain wire, 3,237 tons of galvanized wire, 166 tons of other coated wire, 1,171 tons of barbed wire and 82 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in June of last year, the amounts being 2,421 tons and 2,335 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 9,795 tons from 7,512 tons in June, 1954.

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

Item	June, 1954		June, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain .....	24,236	6,305	28,115	9,028
Galvanized .....	6,285	2,695	6,735	3,237
Other coated .....	151	102	222	166
Barbed .....	1,094	1,165	1,040	1,171
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	179	85	134	82
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	1,557	1,568	1,403	1,717
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	175	138	144	150
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ....	546	629	518	554
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	1,286	1,740	1,920	2,092
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ...	72*	65*	60	55
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	547*	598*	729	862
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	7,615	7,512	7,927	9,795
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	62	58	80	89
Nails, aluminum .....	8	8	7	8
Wire staples, steel .....	169	220	174	101
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	75	73	84	83

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

Item	Six months ended June, 1954		Six months ended June, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain .....	129,023	34,901	148,502	46,525
Galvanized .....	32,522	14,132	36,452	16,711
Other coated .....	945	730	1,176	914
Barbed .....	4,812	6,397	6,265	7,500
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	1,301	690	971	551
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	7,782	9,150	7,801	9,492
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	1,035	1,054	976	1,055
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	2,022	1,777	2,260	2,091
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	7,833	9,180	10,182	10,849
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ..	584	515	528	504
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	3,793	3,510	3,106	3,341
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	38,016	36,867	40,235	45,618
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	355	336	411	437
Nails, aluminum .....	39	36	40	35
Wire staples, steel .....	1,096	1,301	876	1,048
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	471	510	489	469

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	May, 1955		Five months ended May, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing .....	772,100	51,784	2,806,100	187,898
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. ....	60,300	10,936	236,700	43,101
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	401,000	44,629	1,358,300	155,216
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ....	124,600	45,195	348,700	114,777
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	1,345,200	206,899	4,639,300	744,149
Wire for upholstery springs .....	74,800	6,010	400,200	32,810



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

Item	May, 1955		Five months ended May, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ....	18,300	9,806	75,800	34,441
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope .....	2,483,100	286,137	11,419,700	1,249,749
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	-	41,261	-	150,498
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	3,000	1,036	8,300	2,618
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. ....	1,594,900	194,284	5,012,100	724,770
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	-	9,373	-	99,624
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	-	21,864	-	81,482
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	-	1,129	-	14,508
Cut nails .....	17,400	7,151	221,200	45,009
Tacks of all kinds .....	3,935	1,694	17,760	5,742
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes .....	1,507,000	112,750	5,206,200	370,032
Nails and brads .....	38,738	8,255	144,087	38,186

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

Data on imports during June are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	June, 1955		Six months ended June, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	5,500	467	5,500	467
Other wire of iron and steel .....	-	4,530	-	35,334
Woven wire fencing .....	-	258	-	985
Wire nails .....	126,000	13,877	415,200	43,627
Tacks .....	26,800	6,057	160,900	34,212
Nails and brads, other .....	800	118	133,200	17,221

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