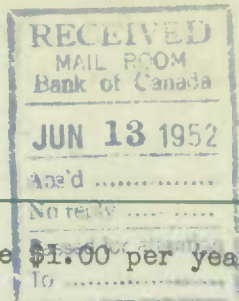


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## STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 10,547 tons in March, 1952 compared with 10,445 tons in the corresponding month of 1951. This month's total included 6,262 tons of plain wire, 2,714 tons of galvanized wire, 169 tons of other coated wire, 1,253 tons of barbed wire and 149 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 2,327 tons and 2,562 tons respectively and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 7,868 tons from 7,689 tons in March, 1951.

Table 1 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, March, 1952 with Comparative Totals for March, 1951

	STATISTICS CANADA	STATISTIQUE CANADA	March, 1951		March, 1952	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
			(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">           STATISTICS CANADA JUN 18 1952 BIBLIOTHEQUE         </div>					
Plain .....			23,890	6,526	24,605	6,262
Galvanized .....			5,868	2,448	6,492	2,714
Other coated .....			222	202	192	169
Barbed .....			930	1,039	1,006	1,253
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....			345	230	222	149
<u>Wire Rope -</u>						
Steel wire rope .....			1,676(*)	1,899(*)	2,165	2,217
Clothesline wire .....			52	49	85	88
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....			530(*)	401(*)	728	696
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>						
Woven wire farm fencing .....			1,428	2,171	1,614	1,893
Woven wire lawn fencing .....			165	142	102	166
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..			244	249	271	268
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>						
Wire nails, iron and steel .....			7,571	7,689	7,551	7,868
Cut nails, iron and steel .....			118	125	17	51
Wire staples, steel .....			126	146	142	151
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....			143	157	91	115
Nails, aluminum .....			49	49	11	9

(\*) Revised.

Table 2 - Production of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Three Months Ended March, 1952 with Comparative Totals for Corresponding Period, 1951

	Three months ended March, 1951		Three months ended March, 1952	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain .....	70,803	19,855	77,258	23,368
Galvanized .....	17,016	6,862	19,328	7,842
Other coated .....	582	508	603	530
Barbed .....	3,011	3,192	2,930	3,110
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	937	512	888	408
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	5,107(*)	5,526(*)	6,326	6,623
Clothesline wire .....	183	187	262	275
Other stranded wire .....	1,435(*)	1,183(*)	2,087	2,181
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	4,312	6,094	5,057	6,140
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	428	421	426	406
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	719	653	852	762
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	21,989	21,614	23,640	21,633
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	323	360	152	164
Wire staples, steel .....	404	437	522	429
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	409	462	314	334
Nails, aluminum .....	140	133	49	40

(\*) Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, March, 1952 and Three Months Ended March, 1952

Item	March, 1952		Three months ended March, 1952	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
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. ....	9,600	3,081	65,000	18,977
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	317,500	37,628	657,500	75,097
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope .....	6,474,400	751,552	19,945,800	2,271,755
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ....	126,800	25,383	264,700	64,309
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	866,700	122,114	2,494,500	448,022

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, March, 1952 and Three Months Ended March, 1952 (Concluded)

Item	March, 1952		Three months ended March, 1952	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for upholstery springs .....	425,600	31,308	1,717,200	124,152
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ....	6,700	2,193	39,500	12,154
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	1,300	445	2,800	866
Wire of steel, single, not covered in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	...	448	...	2,268
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	...	...	2,712
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	133,400	10,891
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. ....	2,631,400	236,853	7,547,800	680,309
Barbed wire fencing .....	1,600	79	1,600	79
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	801	...	4,663
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	32,019	...	61,348
Cut nails .....	18,700	2,930	54,200	11,828
Tacks of all kinds .....	1,000	982	9,284	3,483
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes .....	904,800	78,131	4,289,700	313,833
Nails and brads .....	29,745	8,229	75,536	22,403

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, March, 1952 and Three Months Ended March, 1952

Item	March, 1952		Three months ended March, 1952	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	400	27	1,200	101
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	28,280	...	74,429
Woven wire fencing .....	...	...	...	121
Wire nails .....	1,000	122	68,900	5,676
Tacks .....	127,900	28,734	270,500	61,780
Nails and brads, other .....	15,000	1,934	32,300	4,480





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