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## STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,710 tons in October, 1953, compared with 11,810 tons in the corresponding month of 1952. This month's total included 6,761 tons of plain wire, 2,570 tons of galvanized wire, 113 tons of other coated wire, 111 tons of barbed wire and 155 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in October of last year, the amounts being 777 tons and 715 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 7,558 tons from 7,104 tons in October of 1952.

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

	STATISTICS CANADA	STATISTIQUE CANADA	October, 1952		October, 1953	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
			(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire</u>	Aug 18 1987					
Plain .....	LIBRARY		24,210	8,029	24,217	6,761
Galvanized .....	BIBLIOTHEQUE		5,488	2,963	5,000	2,570
Other coated .....			151	133	163	113
Barbed .....			423	556	560	111
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes			293	129	243	155
<u>Wire rope -</u>						
Steel wire rope .....			2,023*	2,201*	1,827	1,962
Clothesline wire .....			48	59	67	86
Other stranded wire (includ- ing multiple strand wire) ...			573	597	665	774
<u>Wire fencing -</u>						
Woven wire farm fencing .....			927	401	660	469
Woven wire lawn fencing .....			41	18	134	82
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .....			396	296	331	226
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>						
Wire nails, iron and steel .....			6,424	7,104	8,012	7,558
Cut nails, iron and steel .....			23	42	31	65
Wire staples, steel .....			149	87	154	88
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....			139	122	120	126
Nails, aluminum .....			12	15	5	8

\* - Revised.

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Table 2 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Ten Months Ended October, 1952 and 1953

	Ten months ended October, 1952		Ten months ended October, 1953	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain .....	239,314	71,716	208,535	67,465
Galvanized .....	57,874	26,650	45,466	19,781
Other coated .....	1,659	1,426	1,626	1,526
Barbed .....	8,791	8,525	6,574	7,158
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes..	2,447	1,144	2,031	1,179
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	21,014*	21,860*	15,843	17,915
Clothesline wire .....	709	755	771	757
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	5,996	6,393	5,439	5,905
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	13,926	14,819	10,625	11,621
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	1,017	1,098	1,311	1,315
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .....	2,942	2,599	3,482	3,096
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	70,791	70,851	58,427	61,604
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	458	523	600	971
Wire staples, steel .....	1,503	1,516	1,514	1,498
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	1,034	1,070	1,013	979
Nails, aluminum .....	132	131	76	82

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Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	September, 1953		Nine months ended September, 1953	
	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. ....	21,100	6,353	522,800	99,326
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	69,300	6,865	1,158,100	182,404
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope .....	1,692,500	199,371	23,342,000	2,686,252
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material .....	66,600	16,636	986,100	258,954

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

Item	September, 1953		Nine months ended	
	Pounds	\$	September, 1953	
			Pounds	\$
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	889,700	109,267	6,165,400	1,016,756
Wire for upholstery springs .....	430,200	33,604	8,855,500	640,290
Wire for corset steels or dress stays .....	33,400	14,341	214,700	83,424
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	...	...	28,900	12,280
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ....	...	6,415	...	57,197
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations ....	...	1,632	...	9,619
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	52,400	4,711	1,560,000	117,933
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. ....	630,400	82,458	11,480,300	1,174,752
Barbed wire fencing .....	257,900	14,213	2,900,300	207,108
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	742	...	29,374
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	5,499	...	166,623
Cut nails .....	61,100	7,273	316,600	42,293
Tacks of all kinds .....	4,575	1,211	33,656	12,469
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes .....	1,073,100	85,532	5,696,300	439,930
Nails and brads .....	48,249	8,787	237,044	63,410

Note: "n.o.p." means "not otherwise provided for" in the statistical classification.  
Data on imports during October are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	October, 1953		Ten months ended	
	Pounds	\$	October, 1953	
			Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	900	44
Other wire of iron and steel ....	...	14,352	...	485,869
Woven wire fencing .....	...	2,296	...	9,697
Wire nails .....	700	118	12,400	1,497
Tacks .....	47,200	9,539	433,300	98,445
Nails and brads, other .....	3,100	615	39,400	6,053





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