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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

DECEMBER - 1953

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 8,156 tons in December, 1953, compared with 10,291 tons in the corresponding month of 1952. This month's total included 5,670 tons of plain wire, 2,143 tons of galvanized wire, 165 tons of other coated wire, 42 tons of barbed wire and 136 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in December of last year, the amounts being 513 tons and 499 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 3,316 tons from 2,827 tons in December of 1952.

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

	STATISTICS CANADA	STATISTIQUE CANADA	December, 1952		December, 1953	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
			(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>						
Plain			20,082	7,588	19,256	5,670
Galvanized			4,599	2,308	4,148	2,143
Other coated			206	200	258	165
Barbed			333	62	196	42
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes			239	133	296	136
<u>Wire rope -</u>						
Steel wire rope			1,574 ^A	1,488 ^A	1,511	1,892
Clothesline wire			65	78	142	89
Other stranded wire (includ- ing multiple strand wire)			574	700	418	414
<u>Wire fencing -</u>						
Woven wire farm fencing			1,314	260	900	205
Woven wire lawn fencing			117	3	117	67
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)			291	236	304	241
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>						
Wire nails, iron and steel			4,854	2,827	5,032	3,316
Cut nails, iron and steel			16	43	50	46
Wire staples, steel			64	37	62	29
Tacks of steel, brass and copper ...			114	137	61	66
Nails, aluminum			3	2	7	33

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

	Twelve months ended December, 1952		Twelve months ended December, 1953	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain	279,920	85,944	250,584	79,942
Galvanized	67,137	31,499	54,149	24,467
Other coated	2,104	1,812	2,103	1,834
Barbed	9,581	8,671	7,071	7,266
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes ..	2,920	1,368	2,599	1,421
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	24,362*	25,194*	18,985	21,579
Clothesline wire	834	885	1,032	932
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	7,223	7,754	6,532	7,028
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	16,320	15,596	12,475	12,286
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,195	1,160	1,493	1,448
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)	3,537	3,108	4,249	3,743
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	81,557	78,661	70,480	70,843
Cut nails, iron and steel	499	605	708	1,061
Wire staples, steel	1,647	1,624	1,680	1,570
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .	1,266	1,317	1,161	1,261
Nails, aluminum	149	144	91	120

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Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	November, 1953		Eleven months ended November, 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.	22,400	6,269	643,800	124,064
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	128,500	18,734	1,383,200	215,754
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2½ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	2,238,600	262,805	27,232,000*	3,141,825*
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material	66,200	16,806	1,138,500	291,974

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

Item	November, 1953		Eleven months ended November, 1953	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	541,000	110,470	7,749,300	1,244,009
Wire for upholstery springs	185,800	15,587	9,154,700	665,019
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	22,400	9,894	261,500	103,290
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	...	...	30,600	12,835
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ....	...	15,798	...	77,668*
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	163	...	10,062
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing	196,300	19,198	1,812,800	142,179
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	875,400	130,406	13,144,200	1,424,333
Barbed wire fencing	265,200	15,163	3,312,800	232,451
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter. ....	...	9,643	...	39,017
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	8,225	...	178,339
Cut nails	89,200	9,417	425,200	57,435
Tacks of all kinds	14,289	3,243	54,402	17,820
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	1,060,800	75,497	7,891,500	606,799
Nails and brads	13,917	4,277	311,905	79,457

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

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Table 4 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	December, 1953		Twelve months ended December, 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.	66,800	12,035	710,600	136,099
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	140,600	30,403	1,523,800	246,157
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2½ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	1,507,300	167,744	28,739,300	3,309,569
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material	52,900	18,138	1,191,400	310,112



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Table 4 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products (Concluded)

Item	December, 1953		Twelve months ended December, 1953	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	722,900	99,402	8,472,200	1,343,411
Wire for upholstery springs	428,100	33,645	9,582,800	698,664
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	18,300	6,269	279,800	109,559
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	15,500	3,818	46,100	16,653
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ....	...	5,230	...	82,898
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	1,426	...	11,488
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	...	...	1,812,800	142,179
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	569,300	100,516	13,713,500	1,524,849
Barbed wire fencing	242,600	17,225	3,555,400	249,676
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter.	...	...	...	39,017
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	5,462	...	183,801
Cut nails	90,800	9,434	516,000	66,869
Tacks of all kinds	4,963	1,690	59,365	19,510
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	1,322,700	93,381	9,214,200	700,180
Nails and brads	24,394	8,206	336,299	87,663

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Table 5 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	December, 1953		Twelve months ended December, 1953	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	900	44
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	4,434	...	496,115
Woven wire fencing .....	...	887	...	10,659
Wire nails	100	12	12,500	1,509
Tacks	297,100	21,343	812,700	136,369
Nails and brads, other	3,300	473	44,100	6,945