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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

June - 1953

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 11,115 tons in June, 1953, compared with 10,913 tons in the corresponding month of 1952. This month's total included 8,203 tons of plain wire, 1,650 tons of galvanized wire, 173 tons of other coated wire, 942 tons of barbed wire and 147 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 2,339 tons and 2,130 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 6,685 tons from 7,577 tons in June of 1952.

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

	June, 1952		June, 1953	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel Wire -				
Plain	23,555	6,738	22,352	8,203
Galvanized	5,815	2,950	4,030	1,650
Other coated	181	122	187	173
Barbed	900	1,054	750	942
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	254	49	191	147
Wire Rope -				
Steel wire rope	1,391	1,679	1,482	1,610
Clothesline wire	64	52	82	66
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	652	563	553	525
Wire Fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,463	1,684	1,607	1,699
Woven wire lawn fencing	98	136	148	146
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)	253	310	539	494
Nails, Tacks and Staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	7,103	7,577	6,801	6,685
Cut nails, iron and steel	49	52	58	150
Wire staples, steel	206	215	190	206
Tacks of steel, brass and copper ..	82	69	86	95
Nails, aluminum	8	8	15	15

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

	Six months ended June, 1952		Six months ended June, 1953	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	153,414	44,358	126,171	42,299
Galvanized	37,991	16,514	28,093	11,920
Other coated	1,143	976	1,007	880
Barbed	5,913	6,516	4,190	5,551
Gold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes....	1,653	762	1,253	751
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	12,009	12,538	8,037	9,128
Clothesline wire	487	510	513	470
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	3,974	4,101	3,348	3,402
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	9,808	11,878	7,521	9,232
Woven wire lawn fencing	814	1,002	1,033	1,111
Woven wire chain link fabric (in- cluding tonnage used in indus- trial fencing).....	1,588	1,671	1,939	1,797
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	46,083	44,985	32,090	34,038
Cut nails, iron and steel	318	345	387	722
Wire staples, steel	1,056	1,095	868	1,011
Tacks of steel, brass and copper..	613	638	671	579
Nails, aluminum	81	75	45	46

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	June, 1953		Six months ended June, 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.	139,600	19,884	355,900	66,163
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	116,000	21,162	832,400	138,473
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufac- ture of wire rope	2,301,100	272,031	16,738,100	1,907,411
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ...	66,900	21,672	680,100	200,233
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	728,600	145,486	3,815,000	676,957
Wire for upholstery springs	1,256,100	91,932	7,164,600	509,371
Wire for corset steels or dress stays ...	27,000	9,838	156,371	58,880

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

Item	June, 1953		Six months ended June, 1953	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	3,100	1,017	25,300	10,906
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p.	---	13,179	---	40,833
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations	---	3,600	---	7,987
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing	361,900	31,294	1,457,000	108,616
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	1,480,900	160,111	9,075,300	879,131
Barbed wire fencing	281,500	21,260	2,063,000	153,203
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter.	---	1,693	---	26,185
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p.	---	30,344	---	110,609
Cut nails	6,400	2,593	208,500	25,075
Tacks of all kinds	6,235	1,961	23,514	8,320
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	323,200	23,863	3,150,000	246,133
Nails and brads	21,863	6,276	154,678	44,439

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	June, 1953		Six months ended June, 1953	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	---	---	700	21
Other wire of iron and steel	---	82,759	---	349,676
Woven wire fencing	---	314	---	5,754
Wire nails	4,900	452	6,600	674
Tacks	22,600	5,368	212,600	49,881
Nails and brads, other	800	112	27,700	3,819

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