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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 8,884 tons in July, 1953, compared with 12,123 tons in the corresponding month of 1952. This month's total included 6,155 tons of plain wire, 1,868 tons of galvanized wire, 136 tons of other coated wire, 644 tons of barbed wire and 81 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in July of last year, the amounts being 1,567 tons and 1,550 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 6,530 tons from 7,684 tons in July of 1952.

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

	July, 1952		July, 1953	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	24,956	8,384	15,978	6,155
Galvanized	5,750	2,711	3,860	1,868
Other coated	143	113	136	136
Barbed	952	821	574	644
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	220	94	158	81
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	1,436*	1,520*	1,420	1,855
Clothesline wire	53	60	53	46
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .	487	548	427	541
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,301	1,251	982	1,065
Woven wire lawn fencing	68	51	69	84
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)	359	248	408	418
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel ..	7,145	7,684	5,053	6,530
Cut nails, iron and steel ..	42	32	66	53
Wire staples, steel	135	160	124	135
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	71	98	74	64
Nails, aluminum	9	9	13	13

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

	Seven months ended July, 1952		Seven months ended July, 1953	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel Wire -				
Plain	178,370	52,742	142,149	48,454
Galvanized	43,741	19,225	31,953	13,788
Other coated	1,286	1,089	1,143	1,016
Barbed	6,865	7,337	4,764	6,195
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	1,873	856	1,411	832
Wire Rope -				
Steel wire rope	15,247★	15,939★	10,663★	12,352★
Clothesline wire	540	570	566	516
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	4,461	4,649	3,775	3,943
Wire Fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	11,109	13,129	8,503	10,297
Woven wire lawn fencing	882	1,053	1,102	1,195
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)	1,947	1,919	2,347	2,215
Nails, Tacks and Staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel ...	53,228	52,669	37,143	40,568
Cut nails, iron and steel ...	360	377	453	775
Wire staples, steel	1,191	1,255	992	1,146
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	684	736	745	643
Nails, aluminum	90	84	58	59

★ Revised.

Table 3 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	July, 1953		Seven months ended July, 1953	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	200	23	900	44
Other wire of iron and steel	...	63,007	...	412,683
Woven wire fencing	5,754
Wire nails	300	94	6,900	768
Tacks	99,200	20,768	311,800	70,649
Nails and brads, other	1,900	532	29,600	4,351

Note: Data on imports during July and August are not yet available.