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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

August - 1953

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 7,435 tons in August, 1953, compared with 7,523 tons in the corresponding month of 1952. This month's total included 5,212 tons of plain wire, 1,567 tons of galvanized wire, 115 tons of other coated wire, 451 tons of barbed wire and 90 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in August of last year, the amounts being 804 tons and 751 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 5,959 tons from 5,182 tons in August of 1952.

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

	STATISTICS CANADA	STATISTIQUE CANADA	August, 1952		August, 1953	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
			(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>						
Plain			13,967	4,856	18,009	5,212
Galvanized			3,520	2,110	3,846	1,567
Other coated			79	81	146	115
Barbed			688	412	520	451
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and fini- shes			110	64	158	90
<u>Wire Rope -</u>						
Steel wire rope			1,688*	1,754*	1,595	1,680
Clothesline wire			61	63	53	58
Other stranded wire (includ- ing multiple strand wire).			319	504	499	534
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>						
Woven wire farm fencing			705	566	680	457
Woven wire lawn fencing			54	17	20	20
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)			253	168	424	327
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>						
Wire nails, iron and steel ...			4,782	5,182	5,377	5,959
Cut nails, iron and steel			32	50	65	66
Wire staples, steel			73	86	198	169
Tacks of steel, brass and copper			94	103	61	104
Nails, aluminum			18	18	4	5

* Revised

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

	Eight months ended August, 1952		Eight months ended August, 1953	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel Wire -				
Plain	192,337	57,598	160,158	53,666
Galvanized	47,261	21,335	35,799	15,355
Other coated	1,365	1,170	1,289	1,131
Barbed	7,553	7,749	5,284	6,646
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes...	1,983	920	1,569	922
Wire Rope -				
Steel wire rope	16,945*	17,693*	12,258	14,032
Clothesline wire	601	633	619	574
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire).....	4,780	5,153	4,274	4,477
Wire Fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	11,814	13,695	9,183	10,754
Woven wire lawn fencing	936	1,070	1,122	1,215
Woven wire chain link fabric (in- cluding tonnage used in indus- trial fencing)	2,200	2,087	2,771	2,542
Nails, Tacks and Staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	58,016	57,825	42,520	46,527
Cut nails, iron and steel	392	427	518	841
Wire staples, steel	1,264	1,341	1,190	1,315
Tacks of steel, brass and copper..	778	839	806	747
Nails, aluminum	108	102	62	64

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	July, 1953		Seven months ended July, 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.....	90,000	17,149	445,900	83,312
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	83,200	15,178	915,600	153,651
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2½ cents per pound, for the manufac- ture of wire rope	2,854,900	327,224	19,593,000	2,234,635
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ...	182,200	26,628	862,300	226,861
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	838,900	148,092	4,653,900	825,049
Wire for upholstery springs	1,126,600	86,802	8,291,200	596,173
Wire for corset steels or dress stays....	12,200	4,606	168,500	63,486

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

Item	July, 1953		Seven months ended July, 1953	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	3,100	1,203	28,400	12,109
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p.	---	---	---	40,833
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations	---	---	---	7,987
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing	---	---	1,457,000	108,616
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	1,074,000	113,002	10,149,300	992,133
Barbed wire fencing	216,800	15,786	2,279,800	168,989
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter.	---	2,447	---	28,632
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p.	---	35,085	---	145,694
Cut nails	37,100	7,296	245,500	32,371
Tacks of all kinds	2,846	1,841	26,360	10,161
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	1,026,800	74,873	4,176,800	321,006
Nails and brads	18,910	5,228	173,588	49,667

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	August, 1953		Eight months ended August, 1953	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	---	---	900	44
Other wire of iron and steel	---	25,917	---	438,600
Woven wire fencing	---	1,562	---	7,316
Wire nails	2,900	371	9,800	1,139
Tacks	44,600	11,800	356,400	82,449
Nails and brads, other	500	106	30,100	4,457

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