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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTSSEPTEMBER - 1953

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,679 tons in September, 1953, compared with 8,879 tons in the corresponding month of 1952. This month's total included 7,038 tons of plain wire, 1,856 tons of galvanized wire, 282 tons of other coated wire, 401 tons of barbed wire and 102 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in September of last year, the amounts being 744 tons and 949 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 7,519 tons from 5,922 tons in September of 1952.

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

	September, 1952		September, 1953	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<b>Steel Wire -</b>				
Plain .....	22,767	6,089	24,160	7,038
Galvanized .....	5,125	2,352	4,667	1,856
Other coated .....	143	123	174	282
Barbed .....	815	220	730	401
Cold rolled flat wire of all .. sizes, qualities and fini- shes .....	171	95	219	102
<b>Wire Rope -</b>				
Steel wire rope .....	2,056*	1,967*	1,758	1,921
Clothesline wire .....	60	63	85	97
Other stranded wire (includ- ing multiple strand wire) ...	643	643	500	654
<b>Wire Fencing -</b>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	1,185	723	782	398
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	40	10	55	18
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .....	346	216	380	328
<b>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</b>				
Wire nails, iron and steel ....	6,351	5,922	7,895	7,519
Cut nails, iron and steel ....	43	54	51	65
Wire staples, steel .....	90	88	170	95
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	117	109	87	106
Nails, aluminum .....	12	14	9	10

\* - Revised.

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

	Nine months ended September, 1952		Nine months ended September, 1953	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain .....	215,104	63,637	184,318	60,704
Galvanized .....	52,386	23,687	40,466	17,211
Other coated .....	1,508	1,293	1,463	1,413
Barbed .....	8,368	7,969	6,014	7,047
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes..	2,154	1,015	1,788	1,024
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope .....	18,991*	19,659*	14,016	15,953
Clothesline wire .....	661	696	704	671
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	5,423	5,796	4,774	5,131
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	12,999	14,418	9,965	11,152
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	976	1,080	1,177	1,233
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) .....	2,546	2,303	3,151	2,870
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	64,367	63,747	50,415	54,046
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	435	481	569	906
Wire staples, steel .....	1,354	1,429	1,360	1,410
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	895	948	893	853
Nails, aluminum .....	120	116	71	74

(\*) Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	August, 1953		Eight months ended	
	August, 1953		August, 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. ....	55,800	9,661	501,700	92,973
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p. ....	173,200	21,888	1,088,800	175,539
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2½ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope .....	2,056,500	252,246	21,649,500	2,486,881
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material .....	57,200	15,457	919,500	242,318
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	621,800	82,440	5,275,700	907,489
Wire for upholstery springs .....	134,100	10,513	8,425,300	606,686



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

Item	August, 1953		Eight months ended	
			August, 1953	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays .....	12,800	5,597	181,300	69,083
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing .....	500	171	28,900	12,280
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ....	...	9,949	...	50,782
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	...	...	7,987
Wire, steel, for the manufacture of fencing .....	50,600	4,606	1,507,600	113,222
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p. .	700,600	100,161	10,849,900	1,092,294
Barbed wire fencing .....	362,600	2,390,600	2,642,400	192,895
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	...	...	28,632
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	15,430	...	161,124
Cut nails .....	10,000	2,649	255,500	35,020
Tacks of all kinds .....	2,721	1,097	29,081	11,258
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes ...	446,400	33,392	4,623,200	354,398
Nails and brads .....	15,207	4,956	188,795	54,623

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	September, 1953		Nine months ended	
			September, 1953	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	900	44
Other wire of iron and steel ...	...	32,917	...	471,517
Woven wire fencing .....	...	85	...	7,401
Wire nails .....	1,900	240	11,700	1,379
Tacks .....	29,700	6,457	386,100	88,906
Nails and brads, other .....	6,200	981	36,300	5,438

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