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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,927 tons in October, 1954, compared with 9,710 tons in the corresponding month of 1953. This month's total included 6,757 tons of plain wire, 2,798 tons of galvanized wire, 119 tons of other coated wire, 145 tons of barbed wire and 108 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in October of last year, the amounts being 612 tons and 777 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 6,867 tons from 7,558 tons in October, 1953.

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

	October, 1953		October, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Steel wire -				
Plain	24,217	6,761	23,203	6,757
Galvanized	5,000	2,570	5,096	2,798
Other coated	163	113	128	119
Barbed	560	111	466	145
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	243	155	164	108
Wire fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	660	469	559	294
Woven wire lawn fencing	62x	34x	57	13
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	403x	274x	329	305
Wire rope -				
Steel wire rope	1,827	1,962	1,792	1,988
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and lessx	67	86	276	251
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	665	774	566	523
Nails, tacks and staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	8,012	7,558	7,496	6,867
Cut nails, iron and steel	31	65	61	56
Nails, aluminum	5	8	10	10
Wire staples, steel	154	88	89	51
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	120	126	110	112

x - Revised.

x - Clothesline wire, in 1953.

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Table 2 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Ten Months Ended October, 1953 and 1954

	Ten months ended October, 1953		Ten months ended October, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -				
Plain	208,535	67,465	215,331	60,895
Galvanized	45,466	19,781	51,275	23,777
Other coated	1,626	1,526	1,457	1,198
Barbed	6,574	7,158	7,080	7,920
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	2,031	1,179	1,837	1,071
Wire fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	10,625	11,621	10,760	11,340
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,239	1,267	1,187	1,180
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	3,554	3,144	3,611	3,381
Wire rope -				
Steel wire rope	15,843	17,915	13,143	16,101
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less*	771	757	1,670	1,318
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	5,439	5,905	5,887	5,471
Nails, tacks and staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	58,427	61,604	65,507	66,377
Cut nails, iron and steel	600	971	605	577
Nails, aluminum	76	82	72	70
Wire staples, steel	1,514	1,498	1,577	2,035
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	1,013	979	792	869

* - Clothesline wire in 1953.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	September, 1954		Nine months ended September, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing	13,600	1,162	3,619,300	228,430
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. ...	8,400	1,589	319,700	62,091
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	159,900	23,453	3,847,000	391,233
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ..	47,900	17,928	549,100	148,222
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	836,400	126,123	7,819,400	1,279,043
Wire for upholstery springs	248,400	20,977	2,631,400	209,193

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

Item	September, 1954		Nine months ended September, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	4,800	2,447	134,300	54,656
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	1,344,300	149,404	16,635,800	1,797,048
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	-	5,227	-	153,341
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	1,000	251	15,400	4,321
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	782,000	105,064	7,464,100	964,155
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter	-	4,741	-	119,699
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p.	-	5,208	-	114,830
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations	-	1,513	-	9,503
Cut nails	34,500	7,156	520,400	62,592
Tacks of all kinds	1,560	532	43,735	11,093
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	915,800	64,860	12,056,500	834,675
Nails and brads	25,160	8,568	238,848	69,028

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

Data on imports during October are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	October, 1954		Ten months ended October, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	-	-	2,600	105
Other wire of iron and steel	-	3,615	-	39,274
Woven wire fencing	-	64	-	3,363
Wire nails	500	82	6,500	774
Tacks	56,300	11,075	386,000	80,155
Nails and brads, other	5,600	735	18,500	3,514



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Table 1. Total population, by sex and age group, 1991			
Age group	Male	Female	Total
0-14	1,234,567	1,345,678	2,580,245
15-24	1,123,456	1,234,567	2,358,023
25-34	1,012,345	1,123,456	2,135,801
35-44	901,234	1,012,345	1,913,579
45-54	890,123	901,234	1,791,357
55-64	889,012	890,123	1,779,135
65-74	878,901	889,012	1,767,913
75-84	867,890	878,901	1,746,791
85 and over	856,789	867,890	1,724,679
Total	8,901,234	9,012,345	17,913,579

Table 2. Total population, by sex and age group, 2001			
Age group	Male	Female	Total
0-14	1,345,678	1,456,789	2,802,467
15-24	1,234,567	1,345,678	2,580,245
25-34	1,123,456	1,234,567	2,358,023
35-44	1,012,345	1,123,456	2,135,801
45-54	901,234	1,012,345	1,913,579
55-64	890,123	901,234	1,791,357
65-74	889,012	890,123	1,779,135
75-84	878,901	889,012	1,767,913
85 and over	867,890	878,901	1,746,791
Total	9,012,345	9,123,456	18,135,801