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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,363 tons in November, 1954, compared with 9,665 tons in the corresponding month of 1953. This month's total included 6,711 tons of plain wire, 2,347 tons of galvanized wire, 113 tons of other coated wire, 75 tons of barbed wire and 117 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in November of last year, the amounts being 606 tons and 932 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 5,035 tons from 5,923 tons in November, 1953.

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

	November, 1953		November, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -				
Plain	22,793	6,807	21,823	6,711
Galvanized	4,535	2,543	4,664	2,347
Other coated	219	143	115	113
Barbed	301	66	382	75
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	272	106	216	117
Wire fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	950	460	611	240
Woven wire lawn fencing	137	114	86	11
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)...	391	358	340	355
Wire rope -				
Steel wire rope	1,631	1,772	1,958	1,945
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less*.	119	86	251	334
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	675	709	511	476
Nails, tacks and staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	7,021	5,923	6,819	5,035
Cut nails, iron and steel	58	44	65	58
Nails, aluminum	8	5	5	27
Wire staples, steel	104	43	87	6
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	87	216	105	91

* - Clothesline wire in 1953.

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

	Eleven months ended November, 1953		Eleven months ended November, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain	231,328	74,272	237,154	67,608
Galvanized	50,001	22,324	55,939	26,124
Other coated	1,845	1,669	1,572	1,311
Barbed	6,875	7,224	7,462	7,995
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	2,303	1,285	2,053	1,183
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	11,575	12,081	11,371	11,580
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,376	1,381	1,273	1,191
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	3,945	3,502	3,951	3,736
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	17,474	19,687	15,101	18,046
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less [*] ..	890	843	1,921	1,632
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	6,114	6,614	6,398	5,947
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	65,448	67,527	73,897+	72,858+
Cut nails, iron and steel	658	1,015	670	635
Nails, aluminum	84	87	77	97
Wire staples, steel	1,618	1,541	1,664	2,041
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	1,100	1,195	897	960

* - Clothesline wire in 1953.

+ - Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	October, 1954		Ten months ended October, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing	16,500	1,070	3,635,800	229,500
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.	71,600	11,608	391,300	73,699
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	245,200	24,763	4,092,200	415,996
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material ...	70,400	17,131	619,500	165,353
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	1,134,000	141,238	8,953,400	1,420,281
Wire for upholstery springs	42,700	3,494	2,674,100	212,587

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

Item	October, 1954		Ten months ended October, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	14,100	7,251	148,400	61,907
Wire of steel, valued at not less than $2\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	2,388,900	259,553	19,024,700	2,056,601
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	-	9,951	-	163,292
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	100	74	15,500	4,395
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	907,500	94,154	8,371,600	1,058,309
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter	-	11,818	-	131,517
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p.	-	1,829	-	116,659
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations	-	164	-	9,667
Cut nails	22,000	6,225	320,400	56,979
Tacks of all kinds	2,226	1,292	45,963	12,385
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	508,100	34,058	12,786,600	880,571
Nails and brads	26,588	7,597	265,436	76,625

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

Data on imports during November are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	November, 1954		Eleven months ended November, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	-	-	2,600	105
Other wire of iron and steel	-	8,993	-	48,867
Woven wire fencing	-	-	-	3,363
Wire nails	30,000	3,293	36,500	4,067
Tacks	72,900	15,796	458,900	95,951
Nails and brads, other	700	78	19,200	3,592

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