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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 8,882 tons in December, 1954, compared with 8,156 tons in the corresponding month of 1953. This month's total included 5,773 tons of plain wire, 2,787 tons of galvanized wire, 153 tons of other coated wire, 23 tons of barbed wire and 146 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in December of last year, the amounts being 405 tons and 513 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 3,164 tons from 3,316 tons in December, 1953.

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

Item	STATISTICS CANADA	STATISTIQUE CANADA	December, 1953		December, 1954	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
			(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -						
Plain			19,256	5,670	19,100	5,773
Galvanized			4,148	2,143	4,626	2,787
Other coated			258	165	207	153
Barbed			196	42	393	23
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes			296	136	292	146
Wire fencing -						
Woven wire farm fencing			900	205	1,037	134
Woven wire lawn fencing			117	67	109	4
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)...			304	241	277	267
Wire rope -						
Steel wire rope			1,511	1,892	1,708	1,543
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less*.			142	89	183	194
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)			418	414	465	224
Nails, tacks and staples -						
Wire nails, iron and steel			5,032	3,316	5,131	3,164
Cut nails, iron and steel			50	46	43	45
Nails, aluminum			7	9 ^x	9	9
Wire staples, steel			62	29	92	14
Tacks of steel, brass and copper			61	66	87	63

* - Clothesline wire in 1953.

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

Item	Twelve months ended December, 1953		Twelve months ended December, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain	250,584	79,942	256,254	73,379
Galvanized	54,149	24,467	60,565	28,911
Other coated	2,103	1,834	1,779	1,464
Barbed	7,071	7,266	7,855	8,018
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	2,599	1,421	2,345	1,334
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	12,475	12,286	12,408	11,714
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,493	1,448	1,382	1,195
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	4,249	3,743	4,228	4,003
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	18,985	21,579	16,809	19,589
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less*..	1,032	932	1,875	1,846
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	6,532	7,028	6,676	6,171
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	70,480	70,843	79,028	75,422
Cut nails, iron and steel	708	1,061	713	680
Nails, aluminum	91	96	86	106
Wire staples, steel	1,680	1,570	1,756	1,694
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	1,161	1,261	984	1,023

* - Clothesline wire in 1953.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	November, 1954		Eleven months ended November, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing	172,900	11,447	3,808,700	240,947
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.	47,100	8,052	438,400	81,751
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	258,900	34,684	4,351,100	450,680
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material	38,000	11,533	657,500	176,886
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	858,800	154,143	9,812,200	1,574,424
Wire for upholstery springs	159,400	13,186	2,833,500	225,873

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

Item	November, 1954		Eleven months ended November, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	16,900	8,409	165,300	70,316
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2½ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	1,701,300	198,466	20,726,000	2,255,067
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	-	-	-	163,292
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	1,700	431	17,200	4,826
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	879,300	109,257	9,250,900	1,167,566
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter	-	2,944	-	134,461
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p.	-	3,120	-	119,779
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations	-	-	-	9,667
Cut nails	93,800	11,348	414,200	68,327
Tacks of all kinds	1,643	933	47,606	13,318
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	524,400	44,305	13,311,000	924,876
Nails and brads	21,608	7,097	287,044	83,722

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

Data on imports during December are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	December, 1954		Twelve months ended December, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	-	-	2,600	105
Other wire of iron and steel	-	1,069	-	49,336
Woven wire fencing	-	138	-	3,501
Wire nails	-	-	36,500	4,067
Tacks	23,400	5,164	482,300	101,115
Nails and brads, other	29,800	3,350	49,000	6,942



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