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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,067 tons in February, 1954, compared with 9,142 tons in the corresponding month of 1953. This month's total included 5,793 tons of plain wire, 2,201 tons of galvanized wire, 129 tons of other coated wire, 813 tons of barbed wire and 131 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in February of last year, the amounts being 1,087 tons and 1,170 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 4,558 tons from 4,366 tons in February, 1953.

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

	February, 1953		February, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -				
Plain	17,293	6,583	18,833	5,793
Galvanized	4,497	1,764	4,977	2,201
Other coated	151	130	179	129
Barbed	551	547	800	813
Cold rolled flat wire of all qualities and finishes	188	118	239	131
Wire rope -				
Steel wire rope	1,185	1,452	1,333	1,347
Stranded wire 5/32" diameter and less* ..	98	93	123	133
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	636	593	538	291
Wire fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,241	958	1,138	867
Woven wire lawn fencing	149	91	150	143
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	201	121	287	77
Nails, tacks and staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	3,429	4,366	5,068	4,558
Cut nails, iron and steel	63	121	57	43
Wire staples, steel	96	94	110	486
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	125	93	75	94
Nails, aluminum	1	3	6	7

* - Clothesline Wire, in 1953.

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

	Two months ended February, 1953		Two months ended February, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel Wire -</u>				
Plain	38,060	13,048	36,748	10,910
Galvanized	9,269	4,187	9,230	3,972
Other coated	344	282	365	330
Barbed	1,137	1,188	1,329	1,646
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	346	219	430	231
<u>Wire Rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	2,334	2,774	2,647 ^x	2,621 ^x
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ^x	175	167	407	266
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	1,120	1,074	1,145	611
<u>Wire Fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	2,524	1,995	2,139	1,604
Woven wire lawn fencing	262	166	304	218
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	502	284	548	248
<u>Nails, Tacks and Staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	8,230	8,161	9,735	8,070
Cut nails, iron and steel	120	218	116	106
Wire staples, steel	216	197	210	588
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	247	187	146	173
Nails, aluminum	4	5	15	15

★ - Clothesline Wire, in 1953.

x - Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	February, 1954		Two months ended February, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing	133,400	9,807	176,700	12,893
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.	14,500	4,127	63,100	12,773
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	256,000	31,200	585,200	75,033
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material	78,900	16,235	113,500	28,821
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	512,700	66,216	1,111,900	161,574
Wire for upholstery springs	512,200	40,180	917,800	71,931

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

Item	February, 1954		Two months ended February, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	13,300	5,291	26,800	11,325
Wire of steel, valued at not less than $2\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	1,571,300	165,035	3,321,400	357,731
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ....	...	16,019	...	25,522
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	5,800	1,393	7,500	2,021
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	529,100	77,558	1,039,900	130,409
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter .....	...	877	...	2,018
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p. ....	...	17,468	...	22,737
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations .....	...	2,106	...	2,413
Cut nails	13,600	4,421	28,300	8,558
Tacks of all kinds	9,347	2,693	18,470	4,052
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	790,600	53,818	1,640,100	113,515
Nails and brads	15,012	4,687	39,736	11,278

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	February, 1954		Two months ended February, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire .....	...	...	1,900	62
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	2,779	...	7,186
Woven wire fencing .....	...	81	...	165
Wire nails	200	29	200	29
Tacks	39,100	7,831	52,100	10,707
Nails and brads, other	400	60	3,800	908



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