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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 10,728 tons in March, 1954, compared with 9,535 tons in the corresponding month of 1953. This month's total included 6,492 tons of plain wire, 2,822 tons of galvanized wire, 118 tons of other coated wire, 1,129 tons of barbed wire and 167 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in March of last year, the amounts being 2,040 tons and 2,041 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 6,154 tons from 5,016 tons in March, 1953.

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

	STATISTICS CANADA	STATISTIQUE CANADA	March, 1953		March, 1954	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
			(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -						
Plain			21,111	6,108	24,254	6,492
Galvanized			5,203	2,272	6,113	2,822
Other coated			158	156	149	118
Barbed			662	872	946	1,129
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes			228	127	286	167
Wire fencing -						
Woven wire farm fencing			1,182	1,582	1,265	1,663
Woven wire lawn fencing			153	210	211	200
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)			197	249	302	177
Wire rope -						
Steel wire rope			1,295	1,557	1,215	1,949
Stranded wire 5/32" diameter and less*			91	90	222	102
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)			676	525	726	362
Nails, tacks and staples -						
Wire nails, iron and steel			5,178	5,016	6,573	6,154
Cut nails, iron and steel			85	173	58	65
Wire staples, steel			143	148	228	277
Tacks of steel, brass and copper			138	100	86	87
Nails, aluminum			5	7	5	6

* - Clothesline wire, in 1953.

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

	Three months ended March, 1953		Three months ended March, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain	59,171	19,156	61,002	17,402
Galvanized	14,472	6,469	15,343	6,794
Other coated	502	438	514	448
Barbed	1,799	2,060	2,275	2,775
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	574	346	716	398
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	3,706	3,577	3,404	3,267
Woven wire lawn fencing	415	376	515	413
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)	699	533	850	425
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	3,629	4,331	3,862	4,570
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less*	266	257	629	368
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	1,796	1,599	1,871	973
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	13,408	13,177	16,308	14,224
Cut nails, iron and steel	205	391	174	171
Wire staples, steel	359	345	438	865
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	385	287	232	260
Nails, aluminum	9	12	20	21

* - Clothesline wire in 1953.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	March, 1954		Three Months Ended March, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing	627,600	37,898	804,300	50,791
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.	49,200	10,779	112,300	23,552
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	839,800	67,034	1,425,000	142,067
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material	114,700	22,841	228,200	51,662
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	793,100	114,564	1,905,000	276,138
Wire for upholstery springs	324,000	25,804	1,241,800	97,735

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

Item	March, 1954		Three months ended March, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	16,400	6,228	43,200	17,553
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 3/4 cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	959,600	107,403	4,281,000	465,134
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ...	-	5,986	-	31,508
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	1,400	412	8,900	2,433
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	773,700	125,364	1,813,600	255,773
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter	-	6,884	-	8,902
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p.	-	10,752	-	33,489
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations	-	1,211	-	3,624
Cut nails	12,500	4,257	40,800	12,815
Tacks of all kinds	3,082	1,246	21,552	5,298
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	786,100	70,367	2,426,200	183,882
Nails and brads	37,612	13,170	77,348	24,448

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

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	March, 1954		Three months ended March, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	300	18	2,200	80
Other wire of iron and steel	-	237	-	9,423
Woven wire fencing	-	606	-	771
Wire nails	-	-	200	29
Tacks	9,500	1,853	61,600	12,560
Nails and brads, other	2,600	486	6,400	1,394



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