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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,125 tons in April, 1954, compared with 11,045 tons in the corresponding month of 1953. This month's total included 5,598 tons of plain wire, 2,229 tons of galvanized wire, 90 tons of other coated wire, 1,101 tons of barbed wire and 107 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in April of last year, the amounts being 2,782 tons and 2,592 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 8,094 tons from 7,287 tons in April, 1953.

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

	April, 1953		April, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -				
Plain	22,817	7,545	22,214	5,598
Galvanized	5,142	1,880	5,368	2,229
Other coated	151	128	140	90
Barbed	810	1,358	613	1,101
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes.....	235	134	196	107
Wire fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,090	1,927	1,340	2,232
Woven wire lawn fencing	213	328	171	253
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)....	334	337	291	297
Wire rope -				
Steel wire rope	1,377	1,504	1,495	1,339
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less.*.	75	72	178	102
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	482	684	651	1,181
Nails, tacks and staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	5,833	7,287	7,115	8,094
Cut nails, iron and steel	73	57	61	59
Nails, aluminum	9	8	5	2
Wire staples, steel	155	248	193	207
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	103	90	89	80

* - Clothesline wire, in 1953.

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

	Four months ended April, 1953		Four months ended April, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain	81,988	26,701	83,216	23,000
Galvanized	19,614	8,349	20,711	9,023
Other coated	653	566	654	538
Barbed	2,609	3,418	2,888	3,876
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	809	480	912	505
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	4,796	5,504	4,744	5,499
Woven wire lawn fencing	628	704	686	671
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)....	1,033	870	1,141	722
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	5,006	5,835	5,357	5,909
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less *.	341	329	807	470
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	2,278	2,283	2,522	2,154
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	19,241	20,464	23,423	22,318
Cut nails, iron and steel	278	448	235	230
Nails, aluminum	18	20	25	23
Wire staples, steel	514	593	631	1,072
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	488	377	321	340

* - Clothesline wire, in 1953.

Table 3 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	April, 1954		Four months ended April, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	-	-	2,200	80
Other wire of iron and steel.....	-	132	-	903
Woven wire fencing	-	954	-	8,377
Wire nails	600	136	800	165
Tacks	67,900	13,452	129,500	26,012
Nails and brads, other	-	-	6,400	1,394

Note: Data on imports during April are not yet available.