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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 10,352 tons in June, 1954, compared with 11,115 tons in the corresponding month of 1953. This month's total included 6,305 tons of plain wire, 2,695 tons of galvanized wire, 102 tons of other coated wire, 1,165 tons of barbed wire and 85 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were lower than in June of last year, the amounts being 2,335 tons and 2,339 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 7,512 tons from 6,685 tons in June, 1953.

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

	STATISTICS CANADA	STATISTIQUE CANADA	June, 1953		June, 1954	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
			(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -						
Plain			22,352	8,203	24,236	6,305
Galvanized			4,030	1,650	6,285	2,695
Other coated			187	173	151	102
Barbed			750	942	1,094	1,165
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes			191	147	179	85
Wire fencing -						
Woven wire farm fencing			1,607	1,699	1,557	1,568
Woven wire lawn fencing			148	146	175	138
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..			539	494	546	629
Wire rope -						
Steel wire rope			1,482	1,610	1,286	1,740
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less *			82	66	74	67
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)			553	525	545	596
Nails, tacks and staples -						
Wire nails, iron and steel			6,801	6,685	7,615	7,512
Cut nails, iron and steel			58	150	62	58
Nails, aluminum			15	15	8	8
Wire staples, steel			190	206	169	220
Tacks of steel, brass and copper			86	95	75	73

* - Clothesline wire, in 1953.

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

	Six months ended June, 1953		Six months ended June, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain	126,171	42,299	129,023	34,901
Galvanized	28,093	11,920	32,522	14,132
Other coated	1,007	880	945	730
Barbed	4,190	5,551	4,812	6,397
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	1,253	751	1,301	690
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	7,521	9,232	7,782	9,150
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,033	1,111	1,035	1,054
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)..	1,939	1,797	2,022	1,777
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	8,037	9,128	7,833	9,180
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less.*	513	470	991	668
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	3,348	3,402	3,802	3,357
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel.....	32,090	34,038	38,016	36,867
Cut nails, iron and steel	387	722	355	336
Nails, aluminum	45	46	39	36
Wire staples, steel	868	1,011	1,096	1,662
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	671	579	471	510

* - Clothesline wire, in 1953.

Table 3 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	June, 1954		Six months ended June, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	400	25	2,600	105
Other wire of iron and steel .....	...	4,336	...	13,775
Woven wire fencing .....	...	...	...	1,185
Wire nails .....	...	...	800	165
Tacks	39,600	8,698	245,700	51,333
Nails and brads, other	1,300	221	8,200	1,704

NOTE: Data on imports during June are not yet available.