

The number of ties given under each species is only approximately correct, as many companies did not separate the different kinds. This tends to equalize, more or less, the given value per tie. The pines are grouped together, and also, under the term 'cedar,' are grouped the western and eastern cedars.

POLES PURCHASED IN 1908.

The data given under this head are based upon the reports of 46 telephone and telegraph companies, 151 electric light, power and railway companies, and 19 steam railways owning their pole lines. They represent 66,544 miles of line, supported by 2,433,245 poles.

Table 20 gives the number, value and species of poles purchased in 1908 by five-foot classes.

Table 21 shows the species, number and value of poles purchased by the four principal classes of consumers. The electric roads are grouped with the electric light and power companies, because, in many cases, one company has control of both, and the reports were not separated.