

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

FORESTRY BRANCH,
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OTTAWA, July 15, 1914.

SIR, I beg to transmit herewith reports on the poles purchased and on the cross-ties purchased in the Dominion during the calendar year 1913, and to recommend their publication as Bulletin No. 17 of this Branch.

The first of these, namely, that on the poles purchased, contains an account of the poles purchased during the year above cited, both in the aggregate and also separately by (1) the steam railways and telephone and telegraph companies, and (2) by the electric railway, power and light companies. It also groups poles used according to their length. A diagram, comparative for the years 1912 and 1913, showing the number of poles purchased, according to kinds of wood, has been added.

The latter of the two reports, namely, that on the cross-ties purchased, contains an account of the cross-ties purchased during the same year by the different railway companies of Canada, steam and electric, both jointly and separately. A diagram similar to that for poles has also been added.

Your obedient servant,

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