

RETURN NO. 11.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE MILEAGE OPENED, CAPITAL EXPENDED, EARNINGS, EXPENSES, &c., OF RAILWAYS IN THE FOLLOWING COLONIES (taken from latest Official Records) :—

Colony.	Area Square Miles.	Population.	Average Miles open.	Gauge.	Total Cost.	Cost per Mile.	Population per Mile of Railway.	Cost per Head of Popu- lation.	Train Miles run.	Gross Earnings.	Earnings per Train Mile.	Working- expenses.	Working- expenses per Train Mile.	Profit on Working.	Net Earnings per Train Mile.	Percentage of net Earnings to Capital.	Percentage of Working- expenses to Earnings.	Earnings per Head of Population.	Passengers carried.	Tonnage of Goods.	Earnings per Average Mile open.	Working- expenses per Average Mile open.	Net Earnings per Average Mile.	Maintenance per Mile of Railway.	Locomotive, Car, and Wagon per Train Mile.	Traffic per Cent. of Revenue.	General Charges (including com- pensation, &c.) Percent. of Revenue.	Number of Locomotives.	Number of Passenger- carriages.	Number of Wagons and Brake-vans.	Year ending
Victoria ..	87,884	1,179,103	3,063	5 3	37,922,207	12,231,382	32	3	2,956,745	2,551,591	64.76	1,543,363	38.72	1,038,198	26.04	2.74	59.78	2	3	9	40,210,733	2,435,857	837,501	1,336,107	14.24	19.92	5.05	*516	*1,096	*3,071	1895. 30 June.
New South Wales	310,700	1,251,450	2,516	4 8½	86,611,366	14,463,500	29	5	17,594,281	2,878,204	90.96	1,567,589	49.54	1,310,615	41.42	3.60	54.46	6	0	19,725,418	4,075,093	1,144,623	521	159	19.70	15.35	3.50	523	1,044	10,557	"
Cape of Good Hope	221,311	510,000	2,253	3 6	20,487,072	9,093,226	40	3	58,135,550	3,390,093	100.0	1,596,013	47.10	1,528,480	52.90	7.46	47.10	12	11	6,703,099	1,158,614	1,505,708	797	182	20.90	10.40	3.70	363	430	6,086	31 Dec.
Queensland	668,224	454,234	2,379	3 6	16,522,298	6,945,191	36	7	63,917,615	1,025,512	62.82	581,973	35.65	443,539	27.17	2.68	56.75	2	5	2,054,416	900,591	431,245	186	98	10.73	14.09	2.77	276	329	3,827	30 June.
South Australia	903,690	348,000	1,867	3 6 (3 6 5 3)	13,665,945	7,320,186	39	5	53,424,613	974,877	68.32	580,450	40.68	394,427	27.64	2.89	59.54	2	16	5,227,804	1,002,461	522,311	211	78	18.85	15.31	1.75	311	360	6,264	"
Natal ..	20,461	46,788	401	3 6	6,117,211	15,254,117	130	14	101,322,664	526,494	95.53	278,766	50.58	247,738	44.95	4.05	52.94	11	5	722,002	393,379	1,313,695	618	162	23.71	13.69	2.10	90	212	1,354	31 Dec. 1894.
Tasmania	26,215	157,456	420	3 6 (3 6 5 6)	3,518,595	8,382,375	22	6	11,756,594	144,487	45.83	122,850	38.96	21,637	6.87	0.61	85.02	0	19	514,461	174,457	338,288	50	105	13.47	20.42	4.22	62	155	1,055	31 Dec. 1895.
Western Australia	975,876	85,000	550	3 6	2,092,372	3,804,154	24	12	3,997,540	296,000	71.22	182,046	43.79	113,954	27.43	5.44	61.50	3	8	1,022,248	255,839	538,331	207	66	20.79	17.13	2.93	49	75	1,459	30 June.
New Zealand	104,471	686,128	1,993	3 6	15,352,618	7,708,344	22	7	63,221,620	1,150,851	85.75	732,160	54.54	418,691	31.21	2.73	63.62	1	13	3,905,578	2,048,391	585,372	213	138	16.88	17.52	2.70	269	498	8,468	31 Mar. 1896.
"	104,471	703,008	2,014	3 6	15,425,592	7,659,349	21	18	103,307,226	1,183,041	85.75	751,368	54.53	431,673	31.22	2.80	63.51	1	13	4,162,426	2,087,798	592,376	216	141	17.44	17.52	4.63	270	509	8,523	31 Mar.

* For year ending 30th June, 1894.