

RETURN NO. 15.

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

Colony.	Area in Square Miles.	Population.	Average Miles open.	Gauge.	Total Cost.	Cost per Mile for Total Mileage constructed.	Population per Mile of Railway.	Cost per Head of Population.	Train Miles run.	Gross Earnings.	Earnings per Train Mile.	Working expenses.		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.	Barnings per Average Mile open.	Working expenses per Average Mile open.	Expenses.					Number of Locomotives.	Number of Passenger-carriages.	Number of Wagons and Brake-vans.	Year ending
												£	d.										£	d.	£	d.	£				
Victoria ..	87,884	1,169,434	3,123½	5 3	38,602,304	12,404,374	33 0	29,239,657	2,608,896	67.77	1,646,054	42.76	962,842	25.01	2.49	63.09	2 4	8 43,030,749	2,408,665	835	527	308,131	14.84	20.20	5.33	517	1,061	9,171	1898. 30 June.		
New South Wales	310,700	1,335,800	2,659	4 8½	37,719,402	14,015,502	28 4	98,340,338	3,026,748	87.10	1,614,605	46.46	1,412,143	40.64	3.75	53.34	5	4 23,233,206	4,630,564	1,138	607	531,133	21.19	15.05	2.26	494	1,050	10,470	1897. 31 Dec.		
Cape of Good Hope	221,311	440,000	1,894	3 6	19,323,155	10,165,231	43 18	48,873,288	3,070,897	83.10	1,898,316	51.30	1,159,606	31.80	6.13	61.80	19	7 9,223,677	1,340,414	1,621	1,002	619,197	23.00	17.00	5.0	422	522	7,752	1898. 30 June.		
Queensland	668,224	484,700	2,586	3 6	18,056,265	6,851,184	37 5	15,007,370	1,215,811	58.27	686,066	32.88	529,745	25.39	2.93	56.43	10	2 2,742,108	1,323,782	470	265	205,101	10.78	14.19	2.21	310	344	4,850	1897. 31 Dec.		
South Australia	903,690	360,000	1,868	3 6	13,919,268	7,451,193	38 13	43,745,753	998,352	63.97	623,742	39.97	374,610	24.00	2.69	62.48	15	4 6,053,315	1,191,773	534	334	200	89.18	58.15	1.52	338	372	6,137	1897. 31 Dec.		
Natal ..	20,461	59,596	420	3 6	6,588,507	15,687,142	110 11	12,424,152	1,051,359	104.08	583,088	57.72	468,271	46.36	7.10	55.46	17	1 0,030,171	686,030	2,503	1,388	1,115	22.22	22.71	12.58	117	268	1,822	1897. 31 Dec.		
Tasmania	26,215	177,341	425	3 6	3,526,322	8,302,417	19 17	8 764,938	166,833	52.34	128,544	40.33	38,289	12.01	1.07	77.04	18	10 603,530	229,620	386	297	89,114	12.76	19.77	3.78	64	156	1,077	1898. 30 June.		
Western Australia	975,876	171,021	974	3 6	5,047,261	5,088,176	29 11	10,361,3,874	1,019,677	67.72	786,318	52.22	233,359	15.50	4.62	77.11	5	3 5,669,444	1,203,911	1,047	807	240	181.20	92.26	2.78	186	289	4,478	1898. 30 June.		
New Zealand	104,471	717,649	2,016	3 6	15,577,392	7,719,356	21 14	23,409,218	1,286,158	90.5	789,054	55.55	497,104	34.95	3.19	61.35	1	15 10 4,439,387	2,368,927	638	391	247	150.18	05.16	4.76	269	529	8,611	1897. 31 Mar.		
"	104,471	731,713	2,043	3 6	15,993,903	7,783,856	21 17	23,686,483	1,376,008	90.0	857,191	56.11	518,817	33.89	3.24	62.30	1	17 7 4,672,264	2,518,367	673	420	254	161.17	97.16	4.37	273	543	8,975	1898. 31 Mar.		
"	104,471	746,673	2,090	3 6	16,404,076	7,849,357	21 19	53,968,708	1,469,665	89.0	929,737	56.22	539,928	32.78	3.29	63.26	1	4 4,955,553	2,634,059	712	450	262	173.18	46.16	3.02	293	550	9,792	1899. 31 Mar.		