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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.		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.	Barnings per Average Mile open.	Working expenses per Average Mile open.	Net Earnings per Average Mile.	Expenses.				Number of Locomotives.	Number of Passenger-carriages.	Number of Wagons and Brake-vans.	Year ending
											£	d.	£	d.												£	d.	£	d.				
Victoria	87,884	1,206,749	3,265	5 3	40,613,784	12,298,369	33 13	2 11	284,944	3,367,843	71 62	2,072,374	44 07	1,295,469	27 55	3 19	61 53	2 16	8 57	465,077	3,433,627	1,031	635	396	154	18 19	19 02	2 21	542	1,189	10,101	1902.	
New South Wales	310,700	1,395,600	2,853	4 8½	40,565,073	13,407,473	29 1	4 11	649,059	3,668,686	75 58	2,267,369	46 71	1,401,317	28 87	3 48	61 80	2 12	7 80	885,214	6,467,552	1,259	778	481	179	21 53	16 05	2 64	518	794	12,514	1901.	
Cape of Good Hope	221,311	458,000	2,018	3 6	22,125,085	10,524,227	48 6	2 10	388,463	3,852,871	89 00	2,875,571	66 40	977,300	22 60	4 42	74 60	8 8	3 15	433,715	1,702,868	1,909	1,425	484	289	33 95	16 71	4 62	535	757	8,445	31 Dec. 1902.	
Queensland	668,224	510,515	2,801	3 6	20,119,143	7,184,182	39 8	2 5	666,058	1,382,179	58 50	992,751	42 00	389,428	16 50	1 94	71 83	2 14	2	4,636,174	1,725,520	494	354	140	124	16 30	16 16	2 64	362	419	7,058	30 June. 1902.	
South Australia	903,690	364,795	1,882	3 6	14,435,784	7,670,194	39 11	6 4	236,413	1,097,697	62 09	724,166	41 12	373,531	20 97	2 59	65 97	3 0	2	9,500,977	1,394,693	583	385	198	104	19 69	15 01	1 54	351	438	6,525	1902.	
Natal	20,461	63,821	635	3 6	9,271,691	14,601,101	145 5	6 4	450,557	2,046,116	110 34	1,434,023	77 33	612,093	33 01	6 60	70 08	1 2	2	2,805,392	1,744,713	3,222	2,258	964	277	38 30	17 65	9 10	228	468	3,205	31 Dec. 1902.	
Western Australia	975,876	208,325	1,356	3 6	7,410,426	5,465,154	35 11	5 4	507,919	1,521,429	81 00	1,256,370	66 89	265,059	14 11	3 58	82 58	7 6	1	8,158,299	2,040,092	1,122	927	195	159	35 70	20 14	2 14	274	260	5,285	30 June. 1901.	
Tasmania	26,215	174,233	459	3 6	3,799,098	8,304,380	21 16	1 8	95,682	205,791	55 14	173,400	46 46	32,391	8 70	0 85	84 26	1 3	7	777,445	14,628	448	377	71	130	17 04	19 99	4 27	71	171	1,439	31 Dec. 1901.	
New Zealand	104,471	746,673	2,090	3 6	16,404,076	7,849,357	21 19	5 3	968,708	1,469,665	89 00	922,737	56 22	539,928	32 78	3 29	63 26	1 19	4	4,955,553	2,624,059	712	450	262	173	18 46	16 67	3 0	293	550	9,792	31 Mar. 1899.	
"	104,471	758,616	2,099	3 6	16,703,887	7,958,361	22 0	5 4	187,893	1,623,891	93 00	1,052,358	60 31	571,533	32 69	3 42	64 80	2 2	10	5,468,284	3,127,824	774	501	273	188	21 32	16 17	2 93	304	577	10,295	31 Mar. 1900.	
"	104,471	815,349	2,174	3 6	17,207,328	7,915,375	21 2	1 4	620,971	1,727,236	89 75	1,127,848	58 58	599,388	31 17	3 47	65 30	2 2	4	6,243,598	3,339,687	794	519	275	196	19 99	17 15	2 09	306	603	10,868	31 Mar. 1901.	
"	104,471	833,137	2,227	3 6	18,170,722	8,159,374	21 16	2 5	066,360	1,874,586	88 75	1,252,237	59 32	622,349	29 43	3 43	66 80	2 5	0	7,356,136	3,529,177	842	562	280	196	21 35	17 78	3 03	362	701	12,444	31 Mar. 1902.	
"	104,471	857,985	2,262	3 6	19,081,735	8,436,379	22 4	10 5	443,333	1,974,038	87 00	1,343,415	59 23	630,623	27 77	3 30	68 05	2 6	0	7,575,390	3,730,394	873	594	279	204	21 36	18 24	3 19	372	751	12,992	31 Mar. 1903.	