

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):—

		Area in Square Miles.	Population.	Average Miles open.	Gauge.	Total Cost.	Cost per Mile.		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.	Earnings 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
							£	s. d.																		£	s. d.	£	s. d.				
Victoria	..	87,884	1,283,149	3,397	5 3	42,486,323	12,459,378	33 2 3	11,290,578	4,178,124	88-81	2,409,439	51-22	1,768,685	37-59	16-57	67	3 5	181,020,620	4,166,786	1,230	709	521 184	21-11	15-35	3-57	503	1,272	11,531	1909.			
New South Wales		310,700	1,605,009	3,560	4 8½	47,612,666	13,140,443	29 13 4	15,074,144	5,028,450	80-06	2,952,824	47-01	2,075,626	33-05	4-45	58-72	3 2	852,051,556	9,298,929	1,412	829	583 176	22-44	16-02	2-18	798	925	15,067	" 1908.			
Cape of Good Hope		221,311	622,200	3,262	3 6	32,029,068	9,848,190	51 9 7	7,160,728	2,850,139	95-50	2,246,881	75-30	603,258	20-20	1-88	78-80	4 11	7,16,251,695	1,285,969	883	686	187 136	32-40	21 00	2-40	652	1,090	10,153	31 Dec. 1909.			
Queensland	..	668,224	558,237	3,444	3 6	23,395,322	6,689,162	41 18 2	7,391,332	2,103,119	68-25	1,227,098	39-75	876,021	28-50	3-75	58 35	3 15	4 11,521,829	2,662,354	601	356	245 115	15-50	15-68	1-19	428	493	8,715	30 June.			
South Australia	..	903,690	407,000	2,027	3 6 5	15,337,463	7,567,201	37 13 8	4,955,779	1,652,043	80-01	953,551	46-18	698,492	33-83	4-55	57-72	4 1	2 13,856,709	2,168,267	815	470	345 134	21-53	12-80	1-25	343	472	6,521	" 1908.			
Natal	..	20,461	97,109	976	3 6	13,989,202	14,333,100	144 1 2	4,844,858	1,832,862	90-79	1,240,319	61-44	592,543	29-35	4-23	67-67	18 17	6 2,680,426	2,676,748	1,877	1,270	607 195	32-36	18-26	3-39	336	397	3,619	31 Dec. 1909.			
Western Australia		975,876	271,614	1,971	3 6	11,016,837	5,589,138	40 11 3	4,102,102	1,508,436	88-25	973,871	56-98	534,565	31-27	4-85	64-56	5 11	1 12,717,569	2,196,789	765	494	271 107	27-60	17-48	1-85	315	360	6,763	30 June.			
Tasmania	..	26,215	183,189	463	3 6 5	4,003,839	8,647,396	21 17 2	1,029,119	80,036	65-30	204,127	47-60	75,909	17-70	1 89	72 89	1 10	6 1,547,016	467,417	596	434	162 132	18-80	18-32	3-51	78	181	1,637	" 1899.			
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	929,737	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	3-00	293	550	9,792	31 Mar. 1900.			
"	..	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. 1901.			
"	..	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	6,243,593	3,339,687	794	519	275 196	19-99	17-15	2-09	306	603	10,868	31 Mar. 1902.			
"	..	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. 1903.			
"	..	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. 1904.			
"	..	104,471	882,097	2,305	3 6	20,692,911	8,977,383	23 9 2	5,685,399	2,180,641	91-75	1,438,724	60-48	741,917	31-27	3-58	65-98	2 9 5	8,306,383	4,072,576	943	622	321 213	22-21	17-22	3-14	377	809	13,433	31 Mar. 1905.			
"	..	104,471	908,114	2,347	3 6	21,701,572	9,141,387	23 17 11	6,107,079	2,209,231	86-50	1,492,900	58-46	716,331	28-04	3-30	67-58	2 8 8	8,514,112	4,011,511	938	634	304 217	21-05	18-28	3-10	389	864	13,885	31 Mar. 1906.			
"	..	104,471	933,111	2,391	3 6	22,498,972	9,410,391	24 2 3	6,413,573	2,349,704	87-75	1,621,239	60-47	728,465	27-28	3-24	69-00	2 10 4	8,826,382	4,241,422	980	675	304 229	21-99	18-86	3-01	395	906	14,127	31 Mar. 1907.			
"	..	104,471	961,604	2,427	3 6	23,504,272	9,570,396	24 8 10	6,755,454	2,624,600	93-00	1,812,482	64-21	812,118	28-79	3-45	69-06	2 14 7	9,600,786	4,592,099	1,078	744	334 253	23-37	18-90	2-80	398	966	14,605	31 Mar. 1908.			
"	..	104,471	985,318	2,469	3 6	24,366,539	9,861,399	24 14 7	7,051,274	2,761,938	93-75	1,949,759	66-18	81 2,179	27-57	3-33	70-59	2 16 1	9,756,716	4,834,534	1,114	786	328 258	24-96	19-40	2-76	410	1,002	15,475	31 Mar. 1909.			
"	..	104,471	1,016,044	2,556	3 6	27,762,592	10,351,398	27 6 6	7,458,236	2,929,526	94-00	2,114,815	67-89	814,711	26-11	3-13	72-19	2 17 8	10,457,144	4,871,874	1,148	823	320 258	25-56	20-73	3-16	452	1,116	16,476	31 Mar. 1910.			
"	..	104,471	1,035,211	2,704	3 6	28,513,476	10,494,383	27 10 10	7,889,166	3,249,790	98-75	2,169,474	65-84	1,080,316	32-91	3-80	66-76	3 2 9	11,141,142	5,223,414	1,203	803	400 230	25-35	18-96	2-96	465	1,140	17,220	31 Mar.			