

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 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 Compensation, &c.) per Cent. of Revenue.	Number of Locomotives.	Number of Passenger-carriages.	Number of Wagons and Brake-vans.	Year ending	
				Ft. in.	£	£		£ s. d.		£	d.	£	d.	£	d.		£ s. d.			£	£	£	£	d.							
Victoria ..	87,884	1,308,705	3,441	5 3	43,142,329	12,358,380		32 19 4	11,705,612	4,443,863	91-11-2	7,111,545	55-59-1	732,318	35-52	4-02	61-02	£ 3 7 11	85,280,235	4,468,440	1,291	788	503	187	25-14	15-40	3-54	523	1,308	12,026	1910. 30 June.
New South Wales	310,700	1,645,444	3,625	4 8½	48,925,348	13,430,454		29 14 8	15,468,026	5,485,715	85-00-3	3,276,409	50-75-2	2,209,306	34-25	4-58	59-73	£ 3 6	853,644,271	8,393,038	1,513	904	609	193	25-07	15-53	2-00	872	1,023	15,952	"
Queensland ..	668,224	578,548	3,533	3 6	24,336,372	6,648,164		42 1 3	8,157,427	2,338,468	68-75-1	4,414,271	41-50-0	924,197	27-25	3-80	60-48	£ 4 0 10	13,259,379	2,655,829	662	400	262	125	16-50	16-46	1-15	465	531	9,239	"
South Australia ..	903,690	417,493	2,038	{ 3 6 5 3 }	15,532,757	7,622,205		37 4 1	5,450,608	1,852,653	81-58-1	1,081,582	47-62-0	771,071	33-96	4-96	58-38	£ 4 8 9	15,284,779	2,482,669	909	531	378	140	22-65	13-16	1-44	354	477	6,880	"
Natal ..	20,461	97,109	987	3 6	14,161,324	14,334,99		145 16 7	5,034,205	2,024,657	96-52-1	1,187,038	56-59-0	837,619	39-93	5-92	58-63	£ 20 17 0	2,644,612	3,004,774	2,051	1,203	848	166	30-50	15-40	3-55	321	388	4,007	1909. 31 Dec.
Western Australia	975,876	278,215	2,102	3 6	11,377,262	5,413,133		40 17 11	4,398,138	1,637,334	89-35-1	1,096,908	59-86-0	540,426	29-49	4-75	66-99	£ 5 17 8	13,171,267	2,472,997	779	522	257	115	29-75	17-21	1-66	318	367	7,113	1910. 30 June.
Tasmania ..	26,215	183,387	469	{ 3 6 5 6 }	4,048,416	8,632,391		22 1 6	1,059,790	284,063	64-32-0	211,677	47-93-0	72,386	16-39	1-78	74-51	£ 1 11 0	1,650,455	422,793	600	447	153	135	19-30	18-27	3-58	79	179	1,671	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	89-00-0	929,737	56-22-0	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	93-00-0	1,052,358	60-31-0	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	1,127,848	58-58-0	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	1,252,237	59-32-0	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	87-00-0	1,343,415	59-23-0	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	1,438,724	60-48-0	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	1,492,900	58-46-0	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	1,621,239	60-47-0	728,465	27-28	3-24	69-00	£ 2 10 4	8,826,382	4,241,422	980	676	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	93-00-0	1,812,482	64-21-0	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	24,365,647	9,861,399		24 14 7	7,051,274	2,761,938	93-75-1	1,949,759	66-18-0	812,179	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	94-00-0	2,114,815	67-89-0	814,711	26-11	3-13	72-19	£ 2 17 8	10,457,144	4,871,874	1,148	828	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	2,169,474	65-84-0	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. 1911.
" ..	104,471	1,055,640	2,742	3 6	29,606,546	10,723,385		28 1 0	8,141,075	3,494,182	102-75-2	2,303,272	67-75-1	1,190,910	35-00	4-06	65-92	£ 3 6 2	11,200,613	5,555,292	1,275	840	435	254	25-81	18-10	2-81	478	1,166	18,036	31 Mar.