

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 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.	Expenses.					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.								1913. 30 June.
Victoria ..	87,884	1,890,381	3,639	5 3	47,568,336	13,043,382	34 4 3	14,234,550	5,205,442	87-77	3,476,957	58-62	1,728,485	29-15	3-63	66-79	3 14 11	111,513,908	5,150,404	1,430	955	475	256	24-71	18-21	2-55	668	1,399	16,544			
New South Wales	310,372	1,807,409	3,871	4 8½	57,653,778	14,670,467	31 17 11	19,184,247	6,748,985	84-50	4,644,881	58-00	2,104,104	26-50	3-76	68-82	3 14 8	79,490,012	11,666,250	1,743	1,200	543	264	27-05	19-91	1-69	998	1,338	19,590	"		
Queensland ..	670,500	636,425	4,524	3 6	31,828,257	7,036,141	50 0 3	11,464,084	3,321,672	69-50	2,150,991	45-00	1,170,681	24-50	3-68	64-76	5 4 5	19,899,072	3,797,581	763	494	269	138	19-25	17-63	1-47	588	642	11,806	"		
South Australia ..	380,070	434,000	1,534	3 6 5 3	14,178,485	9,241,283	32 13 5	6,342,871	2,222,436	84-09	1,393,775	52-74	828,661	31-35	5-84	62-71	5 2 5	19,382,330	3,016,039	1,449	908	541	189	27-57	15-60	1-17	369	550	7,942	"		
Western Australia	975,920	307,702	2,783	3 6	14,913,123	5,359,111	48 9 4	5,623,132	2,037,853	86-98	1,506,600	64-30	531,253	22-68	3-56	73-93	6 12 5	17,920,096	3,282,361	732	541	191	116	31-89	19-50	1-95	386	401	9,046	"		
Tasmania ..	26,215	194,521	507	3 6 5 6	4,400,292	8,674,383	22 12 5	1,006,508	327,113	77-99	217,357	51-82	109,756	26-17	2-49	66-44	1 13 7	1,649,539	447,373	644	428	216	115	20-50	18-59	3-58	83	175	1,724	"		
New Zealand ..	103,861	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	1899. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	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	1900. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	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	1901. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	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	1902. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	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	1903. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	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	1904. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	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	1905. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	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	676	304	229	21-99	18-86	3-01	395	906	14,127	1906. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	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	1907. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	985,318	2,469	3 6	24,365,647	9,861,399	24 14 7	7,051,274	2,761,938	93-75	1,949,759	66-18	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	1908. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	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	828	320	258	25-56	20-73	3-16	452	1,116	16,476	1909. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	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	1910. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	1,055,640	2,742	3 6	29,606,546	10,723,385	28 1 0	8,141,075	3,494,182	102-75	2,303,272	67-75	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	1911. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	1,081,344	2,801	3 6	30,506,089	10,864,386	28 4 2	8,371,687	3,676,509	105-25	2,465,896	70-52	1,210,613	34-73	3-98	67-07	3 8 0	11,891,134	5,599,756	1,314	881	433	263	27-30	18-27	2-76	493	1,212	18,521	1912. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	1,111,592	2,840	3 6	31,611,220	11,053,391	28 8 9	9,016,224	3,971,002	105-50	2,705,609	71-84	1,265,393	33-66	4-04	68-13	3 11 5	13,123,879	5,957,005	1,400	954	446	271	28-20	19-40	2-64	513	1,282	19,515	1913. 31 Mar.		
" ..	103,861	1,139,669	2,861	3 6	32,355,087	11,309,398	28 7 9	9,319,268	4,043,328	104-00	2,880,323	74-00	1,163,005	30-00	3-61	71-24	3 10 11	13,355,893	5,661,340	1,416	1,008	408	268	29-72	20-73	2-91	534	1,363	20,251	1914. 31 Mar.		

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* The figures for passenger traffic in New Zealand are exclusive of season tickets.