

RETURN No. 15.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE MILEAGE OPENED, CAPITAL EXPENDED, EARNINGS, EXPENSES, ETC., OF RAILWAYS IN THE FOLLOWING STATES (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.	Year ending
					£	£	£	s. d.		£	d.	£	d.	£	
Victoria ..	87,884	1,405,977	3,955	5 3	54,600,928	13,817	356	38 16 8	13,826,538	5,705,163	99-03	3,705,148	64-31	2,000,015	30 June, 1916.
N.S. Wales	309,460	1,868,648	4,188	4 8½	68,825,592	16,434	446	36 16 8	21,556,034	8,006,078	89-14	5,661,168	63-03	2,344,910	" "
Queensland	670,500	680,446	4,967	3 6	36,838,440	7,417	137	54 2 9	11,571,746	3,745,350	77-75	2,745,061	57-00	1,000,289	" "
S. Australia	380,070	434,000	2,185	3 6	17,616,351	8,057	198	40 11 10	5,630,984	1,965,410	83-77	1,545,489	65-87	419,921	" "
W. Australia	975,920	315,206	3,332	3 6	17,118,195	5,138	95	54 6 2	5,149,289	2,088,110	97-32	1,511,655	70-46	576,455	" "
Tasmania	26,215	198,417	533	3 6	4,628,911	8,684	372	23 6 7	1,005,145	323,265	77-18	225,995	53-96	97,270	30 June, 1915
N. 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	31 Mar., 1899.
"	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	" 1900.
"	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	" 1901.
"	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	" 1902.
"	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	" 1903.
"	103,861	882,097	2,305	3 6	20,692,911	8,977	383	23 9 2	5,685,899	2,180,641	91-75	1,438,724	60-48	741,917	" 1904.
"	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	" 1905.
"	103,861	933,111	2,391	3 6	22,498,972	9,410	391	24 2 8	6,418,573	2,349,704	87-75	1,621,239	60-47	728,465	" 1906.
"	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	" 1907.
"	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	" 1908.
"	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	" 1909.
"	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	" 1910.
"	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	" 1911.
"	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	" 1912.
"	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	" 1913.
"	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	" 1914.
"	103,861	1,150,430	2,917	3 6	34,133,825	11,702	394	29 13 5	9,383,420	4,105,457	104-75	2,920,455	74-54	1,185,002	" 1915.
"	103,861	1,152,048	2,959	3 6	34,857,882	11,780	389	30 5 2	9,356,522	4,548,356	116-50	2,910,883	74-50	1,637,473	" 1916.
"	103,861	1,150,605	2,970	3 6	35,378,664	11,912	387	30 15 0	9,146,331	4,800,810	125-75	2,926,864	76-63	1,873,946	" 1917.

	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
	d.			£ s. d.			£	£	£	£	d.						
Victoria ..	31-72	3-13	64-94	4 1 2	115,771,238	5,829,835	1,443	937	506	210	28-97	19-02	2-10	808	1,584	19,778	30 June, 1916.
N.S. Wales	26-11	3-45	70-71	4 5 8	92,850,838	11,915,500	1,920	1,358	562	214	32-48	20-75	2-33	1,211	1,626	22,179	" "
Queensland	20-75	2-72	73-29	5 10 1	24,438,905	4,083,612	758	556	203	149	24-85	19-87	1-72	640	766	13,665	" "
S. Australia	17-90	2-40	78-63	4 10 7	20,512,753	2,336,938	899	707	192	138	36-44	17-81	1-48	470	629	9,032	" "
W. Australia	26-86	3-37	72-39	6 12 6	18,884,541	2,835,648	627	454	173	109	33-32	18-82	2-02	424	409	10,050	" "
Tasmania	23-22	2-10	69-90	1 12 7	1,750,905	387,724	603	422	181	109	23-84	17-88	3-12	80	175	1,727	" 1915.
N. Zealand	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., 1899.
"	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.
"	31-17	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.
"	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.
"	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.
"	31-27	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.
"	23-04	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.
"	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.
"	23-79	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.
"	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.
"	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.
"	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.
"	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.
"	34-73	3-98	67-07	3 8 0	20,336,577	5,599,756	1,314	881	433	263	27-30	18-27	2-76	493	1,212	18,521	" 1912.
"	33-66	4-04	68-13	3 11 5	22,310,867	5,957,005	1,400	954	446	271	28-20	19-40	2-64	513	1,282	19,515	" 1913.
"	30-00	3-61	71-24	3 10 11	23,173,472	5,661,346	1,416	1,008	408	268	29-72	20-73	2-91	534	1,368	20,251	" 1914.
"	30-21	3-53	71-14	3 11 4	23,542,903	6,075,232	1,410	1,002	408	254	30-26	21-20	2-98	557	1,397	21,226	" 1915.
"	42-00	4-72	64-00	3 19 0	24,600,693	5,960,563	1,540	985	555	251	29-77	19-60	2-50	585	1,452	21,994	" 1916.
"	49-12	5-30	60-97	4 3 5	24,782,602	5,826,265	1,619	987	632	244	30-88	18-87	2-47	607	1,480	22,380	" 1917.

* The figures for passenger traffic in New Zealand prior to 1912 are exclusive of season tickets.