

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) :—

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-expenditures		Profit on Working.	Net Earnings per Train Mile.	Percentage of Net Earnings to Capital.	Percentage of Working-expenditures to Earnings.	Earnings per Head of Population.	Passengers carried.	Tonnage of Goods.	Earnings per Average Mile open.	Working-expenditures 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.											Locomotive, Car, and Wagon per Train Mile.	Traffic per Cent. of Revenue.	General Charges (including compensation, &c.) per Cent. of Revenue.					
Victoria ...	87,894	1,177,474	3,121	5 3	£ 38,108,151	12,204	377	32 7	38,989,391	2,401,392	64.11	£ 1,546,475	41.29	£ 854,917	22.82	2.24	64.40	0	940,993,778	2,163,722	769	496	£ 274	£ d.	117 14.63	20.26	6.10	517	1,075	9,019	1896.
New South Wales	310,700	1,289,770	2,531	4 8½	£ 36,852,194	14,559	510	28 11	57,719,618	2,830,417	87.68	£ 1,551,888	48.24	£ 1,268,529	39.44	3.44	55.02	3	921,005,048	3,953,575	1,114	613	£ 501	£ d.	139 21.25	15.51	2.84	521	1,032	10,585	"
Cape of Good Hope	221,311	526,000	2,253	3 6	£ 21,193,417	9,407	233	40 5	109,987,448	4,078,561	98.0	£ 1,921,809	46.20	£ 1,867,199	51.80	8.98	47.10	15	7,978,652	1,378,345	1,810	853	£ 957	£ d.	193 20.67	11.30	4.0	411	478	7,308	31 Dec.
Queensland	668,224	460,550	2,380	3 6	£ 16,759,406	7,024	193	36 7	104,744,734	1,085,494	54.91	£ 644,362	32.59	£ 441,132	22.32	2.63	59.36	2	2,274,219	1,026,889	456	271	£ 185	£ d.	104 10.48	14.90	2.48	275	328	4,008	30 June.
South Australia ..	903,690	356,000	1,868	{ 3 6 } { 5 3 }	£ 13,734,666	7,353	191	38 11	73,484,369	1,001,605	68.99	£ 598,311	41.21	£ 403,294	27.78	2.94	59.74	2	5,438,857	1,059,456	536	320	£ 216	£ d.	80 19.77	14.77	1.47	314	370	6,185	"
Natal ..	20,461	46,788	402	3 6	£ 6,236,555	15,514	116	133 5	112,277,106	1,136,214	119.75	£ 421,990	44.47	£ 714,224	75.28	11.45	87.14	24	898,259	638,799	2,826	1,050	£ 1,777	£ d.	182 18.92	10.27	4.65	102	221	1,717	31 Dec.
Tasmania	26,215	160,834	420	{ 3 6 } { 5 6 }	£ 3,524,051	8,395	383	21 18	739,828	162,932	52.85	£ 122,171	39.63	£ 40,761	13.22	1.15	74.38	1	542,825	229,707	281	285	£ 96	£ d.	109 12.43	18.97	3.75	63	156	1,071	"
Western Australia	975,876	122,420	580	3 6	£ 2,316,824	3,974	208	18 18	61,541,750	529,616	82.44	£ 263,705	41.05	£ 265,911	41.39	11.48	49.79	4	1,679,816	427,919	913	455	£ 458	£ d.	95 15.83	17.82	2.19	74	102	2,360	30 June.
New Zealand	104,471	703,008	2,014	3 6	£ 15,425,532	7,659	349	21 18	10,307,226	1,183,041	85.75	£ 751,368	54.53	£ 431,678	31.22	2.80	63.51	13	4,162,426	2,087,798	592	376	£ 216	£ d.	141 17.44	17.52	4.63	270	509	8,523	31 Mar. 1897.
	104,471	717,649	2,016	3 6	£ 15,577,392	7,719	356	21 14	23,409,218	1,286,158	90.5	£ 789,054	55.55	£ 497,104	34.95	3.19	61.35	15	4,439,387	2,368,927	638	391	£ 247	£ d.	150 18.05	16.63	4.76	269	529	8,611	31 Mar. 1897.