

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 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.	Maintenance per Mile of Railway.	Expenses.				Number of Locomotives.	Number of Passenger-carriages.	Number of Wagons and Brake-vans.	Year ending		
												£	d.													£	d.	£	d.					£	d.
Victoria ..	87,884	1,176,854	3,122	5 3	39,056,451	12,430	377	33 3	99,714,298	2,873,729	71.0	£	d.	1,716,441	42.41	1,157,288	29.59	£	s.	d.	10,445,805	2,779,748	320	550	370	£	d.	154	15.65	19.03	1.93	517	1,092	9,493	1899. 30 June.
New South Wales	310,700	1,346,240	2,703½	4 8½	37,992,276	14,037	498	28 4	58,806,647	3,145,273	85.72	£	d.	1,690,442	46.07	1,454,831	39.65	£	s.	d.	9,247,260	5,248,320	1,163	625	538	£	d.	137	21.19	14.99	2.28	491	751	11,099	1898.
Cape of Good Hope	221,311	449,000	1,975	3 6	20,222,263	10,162	226	45 0	108,905,378	2,953,090	79.6	£	d.	2,012,390	54.20	940,700	25.40	£	s.	d.	7,100,013	1,507,600	1,495	1,019	476	£	d.	201	25.4	17.90	4.80	489	590	7,808	31 Dec. 1899.
Queensland	668,224	508,007	2,745½	3 6	18,670,208	6,800	185	36 15	05,822,230	1,373,475	56.62	£	d.	784,811	32.35	588,664	23.27	£	s.	d.	8,716,425	1,684,858	506	289	217	£	d.	107	11.15	14.32	2.09	320	371	5,467	30 June. 1899.
South Australia	903,690	370,590	1,868	3 6	14,042,043	7,517	198	37 17	103,929,718	1,073,155	65.54	£	d.	634,755	38.77	438,400	26.77	£	s.	d.	6,174,272	1,406,914	574	340	234	£	d.	91	18.21	13.90	1.39	342	379	6,330	1898.
Natal ..	20,461	59,596	475	3 6	6,950,621	14,633	125	116 12	72,762,429	986,417	85.70	£	d.	589,815	51.24	396,602	34.46	£	s.	d.	1,224,963	914,507	2,077	1,242	835	£	d.	204	20.48	14.71	11.36	125	268	1,828	31 Dec. 1897.
Tasmania	26,215	177,841	425	3 6	3,526,322	8,302	417	19 17	8 764,938	166,833	52.34	£	d.	128,544	40.33	38,289	12.01	£	s.	d.	608,530	229,620	986	297	89	£	d.	114	12.76	19.77	3.78	64	156	1,077	31 Dec. 1899.
Western Australia	975,876	168,461	1,270	3 6	6,427,370	4,743	133	38 3	83,257,871	1,004,620	74.01	£	d.	712,329	52.48	292,291	21.53	£	s.	d.	5,872,200	1,148,252	791	561	230	£	d.	130	21.92	22.62	2.23	231	343	4,558	30 June.
New Zealand	104,471	731,713	2,043	3 6	15,993,908	7,783	356	21 17	23,666,483	1,376,008	90.0	£	d.	857,191	56.11	518,817	33.89	£	s.	d.	4,672,264	2,518,367	673	420	254	£	d.	161	17.97	16.91	4.37	273	543	8,975	1898. 31 Mar.
"	104,471	746,673	2,030	3 6	16,404,076	7,849	357	21 19	53,968,708	1,469,665	89.0	£	d.	929,737	56.22	539,928	32.78	£	s.	d.	4,955,553	2,624,059	712	450	262	£	d.	173	18.46	16.67	3.02	293	550	9,792	31 Mar. 1900.
"	104,471	758,616	2,039	3 6	16,703,887	7,958	361	22 0	54,187,893	1,623,891	93.0	£	d.	1,052,358	60.31	571,533	32.69	£	s.	d.	5,468,284	3,127,824	774	501	273	£	d.	188	21.32	16.17	2.93	304	577	10,295	31 Mar.