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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.	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
Victoria ..	87,384	1,206,098	3,371	5 3	41,216,703	12,191,858	94	3 6	9,172,644	3,438,141	89.96	1,991,867	50.29	1,516,274	39.67	3.68	55.90	£ s. d.	0 54,282,003	3,439,203	1,020	570	450	162	19.44	16.81	1.63	550	1,200	10,465	1904.
New South Wales	310,700	1,441,441	3,224	4 8½	42,288,517	12,890,447	29	6 10	10,400,503	3,436,413	79.30	2,258,940	52.13	1,177,473	27.17	2.78	65.74	2 7	833,792	6,656,759	1,066	701	365	163	24.33	17.51	2.44	620	682	13,005	" 1903.
Bay of Good Hope	221,311	580,380	2,417	3 6	24,945,974	10,229,240	42	19	8,12,701	077 5,329,868	100.71	4,522,590	85.46	807,278	15.25	3.24	84.90	9 3	822,295	6,680,246	2,205	1,871	334	407	37.90	19.50	5.78	648	829	10,761	31 Dec. 1904.
Queensland ..	668,224	515,530	2,938	3 6	20,887,585	7,134,176	40	10	4 6,446,987	1,305,552	67.43	811,951	41.94	493,601	25.49	2.36	62.19	2 10	4,144,314	1,572,226	462	288	174	98	16.50	15.07	1.49	347	453	7,369	30 June. 1904.
South Australia ..	903,690	369,045	1,882	{ 3 6 } { 5 3 }	14,698,311	7,810,196	39	16	7 3,770,683	1,177,645	74.96	688,614	43.83	489,081	31.13	3.33	58.47	3 3	9,751,065	1,521,830	626	366	260	91	22.09	13.08	1.40	345	439	6,474	" 1904.
Natal ..	20,461	73,095	744½	3 6	11,170,487	15,004	98	12	5 4,292,028	1,933,934	108.14	1,531,210	85.62	402,724	22.52	3.61	79.18	26 9	2,717,595	1,771,978	2,597	2,056	541	239	43.13	19.89	10.23	309	362	3,414	31 Dec. 1904.
Western Australia	975,876	238,010	1,535	3 6	8,955,929	5,834,155	37	12	7 4,594,234	1,588,084	82.96	1,179,624	61.62	408,460	21.34	4.56	74.28	6 13	5 10,225,976	2,281,764	1,034	768	266	154	30.39	19.33	3.46	329	269	5,759	30 June. 1903.
Tasmania ..	26,215	180,200	462	{ 3 6 } { 5 6 }	3,883,729	8,411,890	21	11	1 931,716	247,683	63.80	166,355	42.85	81,328	20.95	2.09	67.16	1 7	6 814,483	418,701	536	360	176	111	16.06	17.56	3.43	75	179	1,523	31 Dec. 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	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	298	550	9,792	31 Mar. 1900.
" ..	104,471	758,616	2,099	3 6	16,703,387	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	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	1,127,848	58.58	539,388	31.17	3.47	65.30	2 2	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	1,232,237	59.32	622,349	29.43	3.43	66.80	2 5	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	1,343,415	59.23	630,623	27.77	3.30	68.05	2 6	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	8,977,833	23	9 2	5,685,393	2,180,641	91.75	1,438,724	60.48	741,917	31.27	3.58	65.98	2 9	8,306,383	4,072,576	943	622	321	219	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	1,492,900	68.46	716,331	28.04	3.30	67.58	2 8	8,514,112	4,011,511	938	634	304	217	21.05	18.28	3.10	389	864	13,885	31 Mar. 1905.