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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.	Population per Mile.	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.	Expenses.				Number of Locomotives.	Number of Passenger-carriages.	Number of Wagons and Brake-vans.	Year ending.
																								Maintenance per Mile of Railway.	Locomotive and Wagon per Train Mile.	Traffic per Cent. of Revenue.	General Charges (including Compensation, &c.) per Cent. of Revenue.				
Victoria	87,884	1,211,003	3,384	5 3	41,279,045	12,162,358	34	1 9	9,023,365	3,582,266	95.28	2,119,623	56.38	1,462,643	38.90	3.54	59.17	2 19	259,702,050	3,628,237	1,059	626	433,148	20.30	15.70	1.22	520	1,214	10,809	1905. 30 June.	
New South Wales	310,700	1,478,260	3,281	4 8½	43,062,550	13,126,451	29	2	7,104,467	3,684,016	84.46	2,192,147	50.26	1,491,869	34.20	3.46	59.50	2 9	1035,158,150	724,215	1,123	668	455,149	23.47	16.18	2.20	623	691	13,044	" 1903.	
Cape of Good Hope	221,311	580,380	2,417	3 6	24,945,974	10,229,240	42	19	812,701,077	5,329,868	100.71	4,522,590	85.46	807,278	15.25	3.24	84.90	9 3	822,295,680	2,464,276	2,205	1,871	334,407	37.90	19.50	5.78	648	829	10,761	31 Dec. 1905.	
Queensland	668,224	521,655	3,066	3 6	21,610,980	6,989,168	41	8	4,917,781	1,413,439	69.00	814,744	39.75	598,695	29.25	2.77	57.64	2 14	4,019,831	1,712,243	461	266	195	91.15	14.49	1.30	349	457	7,451	30 June. 1905.	
South Australia	908,690	370,257	1,890	3 6	14,766,465	7,813,196	39	17	3,803,809	1,288,750	81.31	749,860	47.31	538,890	34.00	3.65	58.19	3 9	9,870,821	1,684,793	682	397	285	113.22	91.12	1.36	342	436	6,487	" 1905.	
Natal	20,461	97,109	783	3 6	12,957,544	16,837,124	133	8	4,483,158	2,052,488	109.88	1,307,010	69.97	745,478	39.91	5.75	63.68	2 2	2,668,028	2,165,191	2,622	1,670	952,207	34.14	19.41	5.30	326	412	3,450	31 Dec. 1905.	
Western Australia	975,876	254,000	1,568	3 6	9,808,458	6,255,162	38	12	4,285,235	1,610,129	90.18	1,256,003	70.34	354,126	19.84	3.61	78.01	6 6	9,118,455,839	2,443,711	1,027	801	226,203	32.82	18.77	2.02	327	305	5,930	30 June. 1905.	
Tasmania	26,215	177,964	462	3 6	3,920,508	8,476,385	22	0	945,852	243,556	61.79	171,630	43.50	71,926	18.29	1.83	70.47	1 7	823,911	393,838	518	365	155	116.16	10.17	4.00	76	184	1,573	30 June. 1899.	
New Zealand	104,471	746,673	2,090	3 6	16,404,076	7,849,357	21	19	3,968,708	1,469,665	89.00	929,737	56.22	539,928	32.78	3.29	63.26	1 19	4,955,553	2,624,059	712	450	262	173.18	46.16	3.00	293	550	9,792	31 Mar. 1900.	
"	104,471	758,616	2,099	3 6	16,703,887	7,958,361	22	0	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	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	4,620,971	1,727,236	89.75	1,127,848	58.58	599,388	31.17	3.47	65.30	2 2	6,243,593	3,339,687	794	519	275	196.19	99.17	2.09	306	608	10,868	31 Mar. 1902.	
"	104,471	833,137	2,227	3 6	18,170,722	8,159,374	21	16	5,066,360	1,874,586	88.75	1,252,237	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	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	5,443,333	1,974,038	87.00	1,343,415	59.23	630,623	27.77	3.80	68.05	2 6	7,575,390	3,730,394	873	594	279	204.21	36.18	3.19	372	751	12,992	31 Mar. 1904.	
"	104,471	882,097	2,305	3 6	20,692,911	8,977,383	23	9	5,685,399	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	213.22	21.17	3.14	377	809	13,433	31 Mar. 1905.	
"	104,471	908,114	2,347	3 6	21,701,572	9,141,387	23	11	6,107,079	2,209,231	86.50	1,492,900	58.46	716,331	28.04	3.80	67.58	2 8	8,514,112	4,011,511	938	634	304	217.21	05.18	3.10	389	864	13,885	31 Mar. 1906.	
"	104,471	933,111	2,391	3 6	22,498,972	9,410,391	24	2	6,413,573	2,349,704	87.75	1,621,239	60.47	728,465	27.28	3.24	69.00	2 10	8,826,382	4,241,422	980	676	304	229.21	99.18	3.01	395	906	14,127	31 Mar.	