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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.	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, Car, and Wagon per Train Mile.	Traffic per Cent. of Revenue.	General Charges (including Compensation, &c.) per Cent. of Revenue.				
Victoria	87,884	1,258,140	3,396	5 3	41,928,567	12,346,370	83 6	6 10,383,408	3,873,368	89-53	2,285,897	52-84	1,587,471	36-69	3-79	59-02	3 1	774,907,425	3,754,861	1,141	673	468,191	22-11	15-82	1-75	488	1,246	11,282	30 June, 1908.	
New South Wales	310,700	1,571,267	3,469	4 8½	45,683,484	13,156,452	29 1	6 14,251,052	4,944,134	83-26	2,714,839	45-72	2,229,295	37-54	4-88	54-91	3 2	11,474,887,030	10,175,389	1,425	782	643,179	21-05	15-00	2-06	696	886	13,986	31 Dec. 1907.	
Cape of Good Hope	221,311	610,680	3,227	3 6	31,542,561	9,809,190	51 13	0 8,347,000	3,469,705	99-80	2,572,634	74-00	897,071	25-80	2-85	74-10	5 13	818,067,524	1,539,263	1,078	799	279,144	32-60	19-50	2-20	655	974	10,346	31 Dec. 1908.	
Queensland	668,224	546,467	3,359	3 6	22,575,603	6,721,163	41 6	3 6,557,723	1,950,881	71-50	1,053,736	38-50	897,145	33-00	3-98	54-01	3 11	510,419,794	2,423,529	602	325	277,100	15-25	14-89	1-20	368	474	8,213	30 June, 1908.	
South Australia	903,690	400,000	2,006	3 6	15,089,809	7,522,199	37 14	6 5,041,128	1,755,721	83-59	983,590	46-83	772,131	36-76	5-12	56-02	4 7	912,842,310	2,259,509	875	490	385,145	18-83	11-30	1-09	337	450	6,363	"	
Natal	20,461	97,109	976	3 6	13,989,202	14,333,100	144 1	2 4,844,858	1,832,862	90-79	1,240,319	61-44	592,543	29-35	4-23	67-67	18 17	2,680,426	2,676,748	1,877	1,270	607,195	32-36	18-26	3-39	336	397	3,619	31 Dec. 1908.	
Western Australia	975,876	265,475	1,886	3 6	10,732,941	5,865,137	40 0	3 3,964,230	1,501,925	90-93	1,007,732	61-01	494,198	29-92	4-60	67-10	5 13	2,124,945,561	2,272,949	821	551	270,124	29-34	17-97	1-78	317	342	6,514	30 June, 1908.	
Tasmania	26,215	184,008	463	3 6	3,977,611	8,590,397	21 12	3 1,028,030	277,606	64-80	201,817	47-11	75,789	17-69	1-90	72-69	1 10	1,019,668	465,186	590	429	161,132	18-83	17-90	3-38	78	182	1,631	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	922,737	56-22	539,928	32-78	3-29	63-26	1 19	4,955,553	2,624,059	712	450	262,173	18-46	16-67	3-00	293	550	9,792	31 Mar. 1900.	
"	104,471	758,616	2,099	3 6	16,703,887	7,958,861	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	7,915,875	21 2	4 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	3,839,687	794	519	275,196	19-99	17-15	2-09	306	603	10,868	31 Mar. 1901.	
"	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	1,127,848	58-58	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. 1902.	
"	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. 1903.	
"	104,471	882,097	2,305	3 6	20,692,911	8,977,383	23 9	2 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	17-22	3-14	377	809	13,433	31 Mar. 1904.	
"	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	58-46	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.	
"	104,471	933,111	2,391	3 6	22,498,972	9,410,391	24 2	3 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	4,241,42	980	676	304,229	21-99	18-86	3-01	395	906	14,127	31 Mar. 1906.	
"	104,471	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	28-79	3-45	69-06	2 14	9,600,786	4,592,099	1,078	744	334,253	23-37	18-90	2-80	398	966	14,605	31 Mar. 1907.	
"	104,471	985,318	2,469	3 6	24,366,539	9,861,399	24 14	7 7,051,274	2,761,938	93-75	1,949,759	66-18	812,179	27-57	3-33	70-59	2 16	9,756,716	4,894,534	1,114	786	328,258	24-96	19-40	2-76	410	1,002	15,475	31 Mar. 1908.	
"	104,471	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	26-11	3-13	72-19	2 17	10,457,144	4,871,874	1,148	828	320,258	25-56	20-73	3-16	452	1,116	16,476	31 Mar. 1909.	