

RETURN No. 15.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE MILEAGE OPENED, CAPITAL EXPENDED, EARNINGS, EXPENSES, ETC., OF RAILWAYS IN THE FOLLOWING STATES (TAKEN FROM LATEST OFFICIAL RECORDS).

	Area in Square Miles.	Population.	Average Miles open.	Gauge.	Total Cost.	Cost per Mile.	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.	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	1,404,377	4,104	Ft. in. 5 3	£ 55,802,027	£ 13,534	342	£ s. d. 39 14 8	14,022,040	£ 5,952,719	d. 101-89	£ 3,799,443	d. 65-03	£ 2,153,276	d. 36-86	3-86	63-83	£ s. d. 4 4 9	108,341,540	5,554,361	£ 1,450	£ 926	£ 524	£ 181	d. 31-34	18-41	2-17	812	1,612	20,160	30 June, 1917
New South Wales ..	309,460	1,847,114	4,312	4 8½	72,006,621	16,229	416	38 19 8	20,300,717	8,380,085	99-07	5,915,360	69-93	2,464,725	29-14	3-50	70-59	4 10 9	96,709,846	11,155,066	1,943	1,372	571	216	34-59	21-05	3-49	1,275	1,624	22,373	" "
Queensland ..	670,500	669,467	5,067	3 6	38,580,976	7,400	128	57 12 7	10,729,187	3,831,967	85-75	2,994,187	67-00	837,780	18-75	2-17	78-14	5 14 6	24,837,714	3,502,400	756	591	165	153	29-75	21-45	1-84	652	789	14,018	" "
South Australia ..	380,070	430,000	2,193	3 6 5 3	18,067,159	8,136	194	42 0 4	5,730,539	2,273,530	95-22	1,725,341	72-26	548,189	22-96	3-06	75-89	5 5 9	18,107,015	2,711,138	1,037	787	250	179	38-10	17-21	1-45	485	625	9,074	" "
Western Australia ..	975,920	310,712	3,370	3 6	17,466,802	5,177	91	56 4 4	4,500,211	1,877,382	100-12	1,448,451	77-25	428,931	22-87	2-46	77-15	6 0 10	17,466,744	2,679,125	557	430	127	104	36-33	20-01	2-23	424	409	10,050	" "
Tasmania ..	26,215	197,337	577	3 6 2 0	4,913,395	8,449	340	24 17 4	1,080,459	340,505	75-63	289,186	64-23	51,319	11-40	1-04	84-92	1 14 6	1,971,888	380,243	591	502	89	143	27-96	18-86	4-85	80	175	1,794	" "
New Zealand ..	103,861	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	293	550	9,792	31 Mar., 1899
" ..	103,861	758,616	2,099	3 6	16,703,887	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 10	5,468,284	3,127,824	774	501	273	188	21-32	16-17	2-93	304	577	10,295	" 1900
" ..	103,861	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	599,388	31-17	3-47	65-30	2 2 4	6,243,593	3,339,687	794	519	275	196	19-99	17-15	2-09	306	603	10,868	" 1901
" ..	103,861	833,137	2,227	3 6	18,170,722	8,159	374	21 16 2	5,066,360	1,874,586	88-75	1,252,237	59-32	622,349	29-43	3-43	66-80	2 5 0	7,356,136	3,529,177	842	562	280	196	21-35	17-78	3-03	362	701	12,444	" 1902
" ..	103,861	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 0	7,575,390	3,730,394	873	594	279	204	21-36	18-24	3-19	372	751	12,992	" 1903
" ..	103,861	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 5	8,306,383	4,072,576	943	622	321	213	22-21	17-22	3-14	377	809	13,433	" 1904
" ..	103,861	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	8,514,112	4,011,511	938	634	304	217	21-05	18-28	3-10	389	864	13,885	" 1905
" ..	103,861	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 4	8,826,382	4,241,422	980	676	304	229	21-99	18-86	3-01	395	906	14,127	" 1906
" ..	103,861	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 7	9,600,786	4,592,099	1,078	744	334	253	23-37	18-90	2-80	398	966	14,605	" 1907
" ..	103,861	985,318	2,469	3 6	24,365,647	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 1	9,756,716	4,834,534	1,114	786	328	258	24-96	19-40	2-76	410	1,002	15,475	" 1908
" ..	103,861	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 8	10,457,144	4,871,874	1,148	828	320	258	25-56	20-73	3-16	452	1,116	16,476	" 1909
" ..	103,861	1,035,211	2,704	3 6	28,513,476	10,494	383	27 10 10	7,889,166	3,249,790	98-75	2,169,474	65-84	1,080,316	32-91	3-80	66-76	3 2 9	11,141,142	5,223,414	1,203	803	400	230	25-35	18-96	2-96	465	1,140	17,220	" 1910
" ..	103,861	1,055,640	2,742	3 6	29,606,546	10,723	385	28 1 0	8,141,075	3,494,182	102-75	2,303,272	67-75	1,190,910	35-00	4-06	65-92	3 6 2	11,200,613	5,555,292	1,275	840	435	254	25-81	18-10	2-81	478	1,166	18,036	" 1911
" ..	103,861	1,081,344	2,801	3 6	30,506,089	10,864	386	28 4 2	8,371,687	3,676,509	105-25	2,465,896	70-52	1,210,613	34-73	3-98	67-07	3 8 0	20,336,577	5,599,756	1,314	881	433	263	27-30	18-27	2-76	493	1,212	18,521	" 1912
" ..	103,861	1,111,592	2,840	3 6	31,611,220	11,053	391	28 8 9	9,016,224	3,971,002	105-50	2,705,609	71-84	1,265,393	33-66	4-04	68-13	3 11 5	22,310,867	5,957,005	1,400	954	446	271	28-20	19-40	2-64	513	1,282	19,515	" 1913
" ..	103,861	1,139,669	2,861	3 6	32,355,087	11,309	398	28 7 9	9,319,268	4,043,328	104-00	2,880,323	74-00	1,163,005	30-00	3-61	71-24	3 10 11	23,173,472	5,661,340	1,416	1,008	408	268	29-72	20-73	2-91	534	1,363	20,251	" 1914
" ..	103,861	1,150,430	2,917	3 6	34,133,825	11,702	394	29 13 5	9,383,420	4,105,457	104-75	2,920,455	74-54	1,185,002	30-21	3-53	71-14	3 11 4	23,542,903	6,075,282	1,410	1,002	408	254	30-26	21-20	2-98	557	1,397	21,226	" 1915
" ..	103,861	1,152,048	2,959	3 6	34,857,882	11,780	389	30 5 2	9,356,522	4,548,356	116-50	2,910,883	74-50	1,637,473	42-00	4-72	64-00	3 19 0	24,600,693	5,960,562	1,540	985	555	251	29-77	19-60	2-50	585	1,452	21,994	" 1916
" ..	103,861	1,150,805	2,970	3 6	35,378,664	11,912	387	30 15 0	9,146,331	4,800,810	125-75	2,926,864	76-63	1,873,946	49-12	5-30	60-97	4 3 5	24,782,602	5,826,265	1,619	987	632	244	30-88	18-87	2-47	607	1,480	22,380	" 1917
" ..	103,861	1,154,559	2,977	3 6	36,001,432	12,029	389	32 0 11	7,468,646	4,687,700	150-50	3,042,907	97-54	1,644,793	52-96	4-60	64-91	4 1 3	21,438,325	5,373,136	1,578	1,023	555	240	40-02	20-38	2-67	624	1,488	22,517	" 1918

* The figures for passenger traffic in New Zealand prior to 1912 are exclusive of season tickets.