

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.	Miles open.	Gauge.	Total Cost.	Cost per Mile.	Population per Mile of Railway.	Cost per Head of Popu- lation.	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 Com- pensation, &c.) per Cent. of Revenue	Number of Locomotives.	Number of Passenger- carriages.	Number of Wagons and Brake-vans.	Year ending	
				Ft. in.	£	£		£ s. d.		£	d.	£	d.	£	d.			£ s. d.			£	£	£	£	d.							
Victoria ..	87,884	1,639,704	4,435	5 3	66,253,102	14,939	370	40 8 1	17,079,211	11,958,635	168-04	8,714,422	122-46	3,244,213	45-58	4-90	72-87	7 5 10	167,861,864	8,315,543	2,737	1,995	742	426	52-80	23-89	3-75	777	1,929	20,694	30 June, 1924.	
New South Wales ..	309,460	2,226,655	5,523	4 8½	93,355,167	16,904	402	42 1 0	23,706,988	15,616,577	158-00	10,917,491	110-50	4,699,086	47-50	5-13	69-91	7 0 8	128,101,184	15,693,127	2,860	1,999	861	342	54-27	18-82	4-82	1,375	1,780	24,390	„ „	
Queensland ..	670,500	824,540	6,040	3 6	49,711,014	8,230	137	60 5 9	11,647,077	5,714,036	117-75	4,990,749	102-75	723,287	15-00	1-46	87-34	6 18 7	29,535,981	4,273,926	959	837	122	201	45-50	26-03	1-60	713	920	15,788	„ „	
South Australia ..	380,070	529,000	2,415	3 6½	21,819,983	8,900	216	41 4 11	6,186,769	3,929,428	152-43	2,901,298	112-55	1,028,130	39-88	4-91	73-83	7 8 7	25,177,933	3,565,307	1,626	1,201	425	226	60-08	18-80	1-72	486	753	9,888	„ „	
Western Australia ..	975,920	353,651	3,629	3 6	19,638,044	5,411	97	56 0 0	4,839,285	3,227,371	160-06	2,297,980	113-97	929,391	46-09	4-73	71-20	9 2 7	18,133,168	3,418,719	898	639	259	151	54-19	18-58	1-93	406	423	10,212	„ „	
Tasmania ..	26,215	213,200	673	3 6½	6,374,784	9,472	317	29 8 0	1,416,216	585,468	99-21	550,185	93-23	35,283	5-97	0-55	93-97	2 14 11	2,959,887	684,861	877	824	53	226	39-75	20-91	4-43	96	150	1,946	„ „	
New Zealand ..	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	31 Mar., 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	1,150,605	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.	
„ ..	103,861	1,175,325	2,993	3 6	36,167,681	12,084	393	30 15 6	7,477,583	4,988,632	160-00	3,308,575	105-97	1,680,057	54-03	4-65	66-32	4 4 11	22,030,327	5,611,738	1,670	1,107	563	252	44-35	20-73	2-70	620	1,489	22,658	„ 1919.	
„ ..	103,861	1,223,915	3,006	3 6	36,390,115	12,106	407	29 14 8	7,408,608	5,752,487	186-00	4,105,067	132-72	1,647,420	53-28	4-53	71-36	4 14 0	24,582,186	6,000,279	1,923	1,372	551	281	57-84	22-66	2-99	616	1,492	22,937	„ 1920.	
„ ..	103,861	1,268,046	3,018	3 6	37,235,254	12,338	420	29 7 3	9,303,392	6,908,531	178-00	5,636,601	145-14	1,271,930	32-86	3-42	81-59	5 9 0	28,821,783	6,487,279	2,293	1,870	423									

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