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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 per Train Mile.	Profit on Working.	Net Earnings per Train Mile.	Percentage of Net Earnings to Capital.	Working expenses to Earnings.	Barnings per Head of Population.	Passengers carried.	Tonnage of Goods.	Barnings 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.	
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Victoria	87,884	1,208,070	3,335½	5 3	40,974,493	12,110,362	33	18	4	10,286,272	3,046,858	71.09	1,938,560	45.23	1,108,278	25.86	2.70	63.63	2 10	54,798,073	3,093,997	913	581	332,158	18.08	19.11	1.74	553	1,179	10,257	1903.	
New South Wales	310,700	1,415,760	3,074	4 8½	41,654,977	13,272,461	29	8	5	11,548,888	3,314,893	68.89	2,266,299	47.10	1,048,594	21.79	2.52	88.37	6 10	32,348,138	6,596,241	1,078	737	341,160	22.65	18.26	2.55	559	823	12,791	1902.	
Cape of Good Hope	221,311	458,000	2,196	3 6	23,154,083	10,367,209	50	11	1	12,318,639	5,291,627	103.10	3,779,256	73.63	1,512,371	29.47	6.53	71.42	11 11	19,428,888	2,177,805	2,410	1,721	689,371	37.77	15.47	3.91	583	777	8,955	1903.	
Queensland	668,224	514,851	2,777	3 6	20,302,177	7,489,190	39	8	4	9,947,242	1,234,230	59.87	863,332	41.88	370,848	17.99	1.83	69.95	2 7	11	4,048,171	1,566,960	444	311	133,105	16.75	16.80	1.58	342	446	7,302	1903.
South Australia	903,690	365,020	1,882	3 6	14,575,852	7,745,194	39	18	8	3,800,773	1,087,910	68.70	637,323	40.24	450,587	28.46	3.09	58.58	2 19	7	9,065,119	1,352,072	578	339	239	78.20	25.14	1.54	352	442	6,428	1903.
Natal	20,461	63,821	710	3 6	10,543,179	14,850	90	165	4	4,851,600	2,561,552	126.72	1,791,108	88.60	770,444	38.12	7.31	69.92	2 9	2,834,807	2,052,082	3,608	2,523	1,085,286	40.33	17.58	12.39	259	502	3,330	1903.	
Western Australia	975,876	221,990	1,434	3 6	8,141,782	5,678,155	36	13	7	4,611,315	1,553,485	80.85	1,247,873	64.95	305,612	15.90	7.50	80.33	6 19	11	9,106,396	1,968,331	1,083	870	213,162	33.46	20.11	3.91	316	264	5,694	1903.
Tasmania	26,215	177,077	462	3 6	3,840,747	8,317,383	21	13	9	902,918	233,211	61.98	173,293	46.06	59,918	15.92	1.56	74.30	1 6	4	761,345	407,505	505	375	130,125	16.96	18.19	3.63	75	172	1,474	1902.
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	9.00	929,737	56.22	539,928	32.78	3.9	63.26	1 19	4	4,955,553	2,624,059	712	450	262,173	18.46	16.67	3.0	293	550	9,792	1899.
"	104,471	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.
"	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	599,388	31.17	3.47	65.30	2 2	4	6,243,598	3,339,687	794	519	275,196	19.99	17.15	2.09	306	603	10,868	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	1,252,237	59.32	622,349	29.43	3.43	66.80	2 5	0	7,356,136	3,529,177	842	563	230,196	21.35	17.78	3.03	362	701	12,444	1902.
"	104,471	857,985	2,262	3 6	19,081,735	8,436,379	22	4	10	5,443,333	1,974,088	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.
"	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	5	8,306,383	4,072,576	943	622	321,213	22.21	17.22	3.14	377	809	13,433	1904.