

RAILWAYS IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS 1885.

COUNTRY.	Miles of Railway.	Number of Persons to each Mile.	Square Miles of Area to each Mile.
United Kingdom	19,169	1,914	6
India	12,376	16,160	86
Canada	10,715	447	337
Australasia (total)	8,024	408	394
New South Wales	1,812	513	171
Victoria	1,680	580	52
South Australia.....	1,063	300	850
Queensland	1,434	222	466
Western Australia.....	124	274	8,548
Tasmania	257	514	102
New Zealand.....	1,654	341	63
Cape of Good Hope.....	1,719	728	124
Natal	174	2,549	108
Ceylon	178	15,730	143
Mauritius	92	3,928	9
Newfoundland	84	2,348	1,928
Jamaica	67	8,901	64
Trinidad	51	3,370	34
Barbados.....	23	7,472	7
British Guiana	21	12,825	5,190

479. Mr. Jeans says that a railway is calculated in a general way to open up country to the extent of about 20 miles on either side, in which case there are not more than 428,600 square miles of this country, or about one-eighth, within the ordinary reach of railway facilities, and in the Australasian Colonies there are not more than 323,260 acres, or about one-ninth of the total area.

Proportion of railway mileage to area in Canada.

480. The total railway mileage of the British Empire is 52,693 miles, of which 50,284 miles are in the four countries named in paragraph 477.

Railways of British Empire.

481. The estimated area of the British Empire being 7,999,618 square miles, the above figures show that there is an average of one mile of railway to every 151 square miles of area.

Proportion to area.