

482. With the exception of the United Kingdom and India, Canada has a greater length of railway mileage than any other British possession, and Western Australia would appear to be the Colony with the fewest railway facilities.

Railways
in foreign
countries.

483. The next table gives particulars concerning the railways in the principal foreign countries in 1885 :—

RAILWAYS IN PRINCIPAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 1885.

COUNTRY.	Miles of Railway.	Number of Persons to each Mile.	Square Miles of Area to each Mile.
Europe—			
Austro-Hungary	14,301	2,639	17
Belgium	2,711	2,159	4
Bulgaria	140	14,342	176
Denmark	1,208	1,735	12
France..	20,144	1,870	10
German Empire	23,287	2,012	8
Greece	324	5,306	61
Italy	6,167	4,615	18
Netherlands.....	1,407	3,082	9
Portugal	1,039	4,380	33
Roumania.....	1,045	5,220	48
Russia	16,502	5,297	126
Servia	239	7,959	78
Spain	5,600	3,083	34
Sweden and Norway	5,063	1,298	58
Switzerland	1,925	151	8
Turkey.....	904	8,041	111
Asia—			
Japan	346	106,069	423
Africa—			
Egypt.....	1,276	5,342	903
America—			
Argentine Republic.....	4,150	723	199
Brazil.....	3,800	3,245	847
Chili	1,414	1,606	87
Mexico	3,662	2,856	203
Peru.....	1,600	1,906	45
*United States.....	139,037	421	21
Uruguay	271	2,189	271

* 1886.

Railways
in United
States.

484. The United States possess not only by far the greatest mileage of any country, but also more than half the total railway mileage in the world, which is about 252,675 miles.