

and practicable, as is shown by the figures for the United Kingdom in 1887, which say that only 1 passenger in every 7,637,780 was killed during the year from any cause whatever.

Passengers and freight per head of population and miles of line.

426. The next table gives some particulars concerning the passengers and freight carried relatively to population and length of line in each year from 1875 :

PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT CARRIED PER HEAD OF POPULATION AND MILES OF LINE OPEN IN CANADA, 1875-1887.

YEAR.	PASSENGERS.		FREIGHT.	
	Per Head of Population.	Per Mile of Line open.	Tons per Head of Population.	Tons Per Mile of Line open.
1875.....	1.34	1,055	1.46	1,175
1876.....	1.40	1,075	1.60	1,228
1877.....	1.51	1,090	1.71	1,231
1878.....	1.58	1,049	1.93	1,283
1879.....	1.57	1,006	2.01	1,288
1880.....	1.53	938	2.36	1,442
1881.....	1.60	956	2.78	1,662
1882.....	2.12	1,242	3.06	1,802
1883.....	2.12	1,098	2.94	1,520
1884.....	2.17	1,043	2.98	1,432
1885.....	2.06	953	3.12	1,444
1886.....	2.06	922	3.27	1,465
1887.....	2.19	914	3.36	1,401

As regards population both passenger and freight traffic have increased in a faster ratio, but in both cases it will be seen that the total mileage has increased in a faster proportion than has the traffic carried over it.

Freight per head of population in principal countries.

427. The following table, the figures in which are mostly taken from "Wealth and Progress of New South Wales," p. 361, will give some idea of the tonnage moved per head of population in some of the principal countries of the world :—