

## RAILWAYS IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS, 1886.

COUNTRIES.	Miles of Railway.	Number of Persons to each Mile.	Square Miles of Area to each Mile.
United Kingdom.....	19,332	1,930	6
India.....	13,390	15,086	65
Canada.....	12,332	305	293
Australasia (Total).....	8,891	383	356
New South Wales.....	1,935	518	161
New Zealand.....	1,809	326	58
Cape of Good Hope.....	1,776	705	120
Victoria.....	1,753	572	50
Queensland.....	1,555	208	430
South Australia.....	1,382	226	654
Tasmania.....	303	452	87
Natal.....	220	2,012	85
Ceylon.....	180	16,349	141
Western Australia.....	154	257	6,883
Jamaica.....	93	6,488	45
Mauritius.....	92	4,002	8
Newfoundland.....	84	2,349	500
Trinidad.....	51	3,495	34
Barbadoes.....	23	7,686	7
British Guiana.....	21	13,062	5,190
Malta.....	8	19,904	15

444. Canada, it will be seen, has nearly 4,000 miles of railway more than all the Australasian Colonies combined, but on the assumption that a railway only opens up country to the extent of about 20 miles on either side, there is yet a vast amount of country waiting for development, as on that basis there are only 493,280 square miles of this country within ordinary reach of railway facilities—only a little more than one-seventh of the total area. In the Australasian Colonies only about one-ninth of the area has been thus developed.

445. The total railway mileage of the British Empire is 65,383, which on the estimated area of 7,999,618 square miles gives an average of one mile of railway to every 122 square miles, and on the assumption in the preceding paragraph

Proportion of railway development to area.

Total railway mileage of the British Empire.