

It will be seen that only five of these countries, viz. : Austria-Hungary, France, the German Empire, Russia, and the United States have a greater railway mileage than Canada.

594. The following table gives the dates when railways were opened in various countries, arranged in chronological order.*

Dates of openings of railways in various countries.

DATES OF OPENINGS OF RAILWAYS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

| COUNTRIES. | Year. | Date. |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| England | 1825 | 17 September. |
| Austria | 1828 | 30 “ |
| France | 1828 | 1 October. |
| United States | 1829 | 28 December. |
| Belgium | 1835 | 3 May. |
| Germany | 1835 | 7 December. |
| Canada | 1836 | 21 July. |
| Cuba | 1837 | |
| Russia | 1838 | 4 April. |
| Italy | 1839 | — September. |
| Switzerland | 1844 | 15 July. |
| Denmark | 1844 | 18 September. |
| Jamaica | 1845 | 21 November. |
| Spain | 1848 | 24 October. |
| Mexico and Peru | 1850 | 8 “ |
| Sweden | 1851 | 9 February. |
| Chili | 1852 | — January. |
| India | 1853 | 18 April. |
| Norway | 1853 | 14 July. |
| Portugal | 1854 | 9 “ |
| Brazil | 1854 | 21 April. |
| Victoria (Australia) | 1854 | 14 September. |
| Colombia | 1855 | 20 January. |
| New South Wales | 1855 | 25 September. |
| Egypt | 1856 | 26 January. |
| South Australia | 1856 | 16 April. |
| Cape Colony | 1860 | 26 June. |
| Turkey | 1860 | 4 October. |
| Mauritius | 1862 | 13 May. |
| Algeria | 1862 | 15 August. |
| Western Australia | 1864 | 21 January. |
| British Guiana | 1864 | 1 September. |
| Argentine Republic | 1864 | 14 December. |
| Queensland | 1865 | 31 July. |
| Ceylon | 1865 | 1 October. |
| Uruguay | 1869 | 1 January. |
| Tasmania | 1871 | 19 February. |
| Honduras | 1871 | 25 September. |
| Japan | 1873 | 17 October. |
| Trinidad | 1880 | |
| Barbados | 1883 | 10 September. |

*Hazzell's Annual and Poor's Manual of Railroads.