

main line having been very excessive, and the actual cost being very nearly double the theoretical cost. On the same basis of comparison, however, it would appear that the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway has been the most expensive to build, for while its theoretical cost should have been \$7,650 per mile, its actual cost was no less than \$53,030 per mile.

550. The following is a table showing the railway receipts per mile in the United Kingdom and British possessions, and some foreign countries :—

Receipts per mile in various countries.

RAILWAY RECEIPTS PER MILE IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

COUNTRY.	Annual Receipts per Mile Open.	COUNTRY.	Annual Receipts per Mile Open.
	£		£
England and Wales	22,776	New South Wales	5,888
United Kingdom	18,843	Trinidad and Tobago	4,957
Belgium	12,419	Cape Colony	4,163
France	11,042	Jamaica	4,078
Russia	7,314	Australia	4,146
Germany	11,451	Australasia	3,840
Austria-Hungary	7,616	Canada	3,543
Natal	7,265	New Zealand	2,988
India	6,648	Barbados	2,380
Ceylon	6,575	South Australia	3,202
United States	6,512	Newfoundland	2,088
Italy	6,424	Queensland	2,000
Victoria	6,541	Tasmania	2,063
Mauritius	5,856	Western Australia	398

551. The receipts per mile in Canada are less than in most of the countries named, but, with the exception of Victoria and New South Wales, are higher than in the Australasian colonies. In comparing the receipts of Canada and Australasia with other countries, the large area in most cases to be covered must be taken into account. The receipts by provinces in Canada, if they could be obtained, would be the most correct figures to compare with the receipts of the several Australasian colonies.

Receipts per mile in Canada and Australasia.

552. Almost all the railway companies in the Dominion use a gauge of 4 feet 8½ inches. The only exceptions are the Carillon and Grenville, with a gauge of 5 feet 6 inches; the Prince Edward Island Railway, with a gauge of 3 feet 6 inches; and the Lake Temiscamingue Railway Company and the Alberta Railway and Coal Company, where the gauge is 3 feet.

Gauge of Canadian railways.