

authority places the railway mileage of the world at 370,323 miles, which gives an average of one mile of railway to every 142 square miles, and provides railway accommodation for a little more than one-fourth of the total area.

RAILWAYS IN PRINCIPAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Countries.	Date of opening.	Miles of Railway.	Square Miles of Area to each Mile.
Europe:—			
Austria-Hungary	20th Sept., 1828.	16,473	15
Belgium	5th May, 1835.	3,216	4
Denmark	18th Sept., 1844.	1,224	12
France	1st Oct., 1828.	22,594	9
German Empire	7th Dec., 1835.	25,978	8
Greece	18th Feby., 1869.	440	57
Holland	13th Sept., 1839.	1,888	7
Italy	3rd Oct., 1839.	8,120	14
Norway	14th July, 1853.	971	128
Portugal	9th do 1854.	1,280	27
Roumania	4th Oct., 1860.	1,581	32
Russia	4th April, 1838.	18,735	112
Servia		327	58
Spain	30th Oct., 1848.	6,129	32
Sweden	9th Feby., 1851.	4,917	35
Switzerland	15th June, 1844.	1,929	8
Turkey	4th Oct., 1860.	1,097	114
Asia:—			
Asia Minor		448	
China		124	10,781
Dutch possessions		798	
Java	10th Aug., 1867.	908	163
Japan	17th Oct., 1873.		
Persia		11	57,091
Russia		891	7,368
Africa:—			
Algeria	15th Aug., 1862.	1,923	119
Tunis	5th July, 1873.		
Egypt	26th Jany., 1856.		
America:—			
Argentine Republic	14th Dec., 1864.	5,131	218
Bolivia	— 1873.	106	5,351
Brazil	30th April, 1854.	5,781	557
Chili	— Jany., 1852.	1,927	153
Colombia	Fall 1880.	231	2,185
Ecuador		167	719
Hayti		71	144
Mexico	8th Oct., 1850.	5,346	139
Paraguay	1st do 1863.	149	658
Peru	29th May, 1851.	995	457
United States (1891)	17th April, 1827.	164,324	21
Uruguay	1st Jany., 1869.	471	153
Venezuela	9th Feby., 1866.	441	977
Costa Rica	19th Jany., 1872.	559	303
Guatemala	20th June, 1880.		
Honduras	25th Sept., 1871.		
Nicaragua	Summer 1880.		
Salvador	15th July, 1882.		