

retical cost should have been \$7,474, per mile, its actual cost was no less than \$46,028 per mile.

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

RAILWAY RECEIPTS PER MILE IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

COUNTRY.	Annual Receipts per Mile Open	COUNTRY.	Annual Receipts per Mile Open.
	\$		\$
England and Wales.....	23,866	New South Wales.....	6,633
United Kingdom.....	19,656	Trinidad and Tobago.....	4,957
Belgium.....	12,420	Cape Colony.....	4,798
France.....	11,042	Jamaica.....	4,078
Russia.....	7,314	Australia.....	4,675
Germany.....	11,451	Australasia.....	4,302
Austria-Hungary.....	7,616	Canada.....	3,465
Natal.....	7,265	New Zealand.....	2,925
India.....	6,648	Barbados.....	2,380
Ceylon.....	6,575	South Australia.....	3,636
United States.....	6,986	Newfoundland.....	2,088
Italy.....	6,390	Queensland.....	2,063
Victoria.....	6,059	Tasmania.....	2,229
Mauritius.....	5,856	Western Australia.....	1,625

The receipts per mile are less in Canada than in most of the countries named, but are higher than in the Australasian colonies, with the exception of Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. 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 more correct figures to compare with the receipts of the several Australasian colonies.