

943. The next table is compiled from "Poor's Manual of Railroads" for 1892, and gives the date of the opening of the first railway in all the principal countries of the world, other than the British Empire, the length of railway lines therein, and the proportion of railway mileage to area. 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. The same 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 ... 17676	20th Sept., 1828.	<del>16,473</del>	15
Belgium .....	5th May, 1835.	<del>3,216</del>	4
Denmark .....	18th Sept., 1844.	<del>1,221</del>	12
France .....	1st Oct., 1828.	22,594	<del>0</del>
German Empire. ... 23798	7th Dec., 1835.	<del>25,978</del>	8
Greece .....	18th Feby., 1869.	440	57
Holland .....	13th Sept., 1839.	1,888	7
Italy .....	3rd Oct., 1839.	<del>8,102</del>	14
Norway .....	14th July, 1853.	971	128
Portugal. .... 1162	9th " 1854.	<del>1,280</del>	<del>27</del>
Roumania.....	4th Oct., 1860.	<del>1,588</del>	<del>32</del>
Russia. .... 20541	4th April, 1838.	<del>18,735</del>	<del>112</del>
Servia .....		<del>827</del>	58
Spain .....	30th Oct., 1848.	6,190	32
Sweden .....	9th Feby., 1851.	4,917	35
Switzerland..... 2119	15th June, 1844.	<del>1,929</del>	8
Turkey .....	4th Oct., 1860.	1,097	114
Asia :—			
Asia Minor .....		448	.....
China .....		124	10,781
Dutch possessions			
Java.....	10th Aug., 1867.	798	
Japan .....	17th Oct., 1873.	<del>908</del>	163
Persia .....		11	57,091
Russia.....		891	7,368
Africa :—			
Algeria..... 1956	15th Aug., 1862.	<del>1,056</del>	119
Tunis..... 260	5th July, 1873.	<del>958</del>	
Egypt .....	26th Jany., 1856.	<del>958</del>	11
America :—			
Argentine Republic . 8353	14th Dec., 1854.	<del>5,131</del>	218
Bolivia .....	1873.	<del>106</del>	5,351
Brazil .....	30th April, 1854.	<del>5,781</del>	557
Chili .....	— Jany., 1852.	1,927	153
Colombia.....	Fall 1880.	231	2,185
Ecuador .....		167	719