

In due course other European countries followed; Germany, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Austria, Russia and Turkey, the last in 1860.

328. In the United States of America, after the phenomena of transport developed on the opening of the Liverpool Manchester Railway projects, passenger railways were immediately launched and carried into execution on a large scale, the first passenger railway—the Baltimore Ohio—being opened in 1830, at which date there were 40 miles in operation.

The census returns give the following information as to the date at which the several groups of States began their career as railway builders; Middle and Southern States, 1830; New England States, 1834; Central Western, 1842; Western trans-Mississippi States, 1856.

According to Henry Adams, statistician of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission, the mileage of that country on 1st July, 1894, was 178,808 miles, the increase for the year having been 2,247 miles, which is the smallest increase during any year since 1875.

The following table is compiled from the Statesmans Year-Book and other sources, and gives the date of the opening of the first railway in the British Empire, and in all the principal countries of the world, the length of railway lines therein and the proportion of railway mileage to area:—

## RAILWAYS IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

COUNTRIES.	Date of Opening.	Miles of Railway.	Square Miles of Area to each Mile.
United Kingdom.....	Sept. 17, 1825	20,641	5·8
India.....	April 18, 1853	18,500	58
Canada.....	July 23, 1836	15,768	219
Australasia—			
New South Wales.....	Sept. 25, 1855	2,501	131
New Zealand.....	Dec. 1, 1863	2,112	51
Victoria.....	Sept. 14, 1854	2,959	30
Queensland.....	July 31, 1865	2,379	281
South Australia.....	April 16, 1856	1,810	369
Tasmania.....	Feb. 19, 1871	475	56
Western Australia.....	Jan. 21, 1864	1,184	824
Cape of Good Hope.....	June 26, 1860	2,975	90
Natal.....		399	51
South Africa.....	Oct. 7, 1893	218	.....
Ceylon.....	“ 1, 1865	231	110
Jamaica.....	Nov. 21, 1845	119	44
Mauritius.....	May 13, 1862	104	7
Newfoundland.....	“ 13, 1867	400	105
Trinidad.....	“ 13, 1880	54	32
Barbados.....	Sept. 10, 1883	24	7
British Guiana.....	“ 1, 1864	23	5,190
Jersey, Malta, &c.....		68	.....