

1195. The next table gives some particulars concerning the passengers and freight carried, relatively to population and length of line in each year from 1875.—

PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT CARRIED PER HEAD OF POPULATION,
AND MILES OF LINE OPEN IN CANADA, 1875-1893.

YEAR.	PASSENGERS.		FREIGHT.	
	Per Head of Population.	Per Mile of Line Open.	Tons per Head of Population.	Tons per Mile of Line Open.
1875	1·34	1,055	1·46	1,175
1876	1·40	1,075	1·60	1,228
1877	1·51	1,090	1·71	1,231
1878	1·58	1,049	1·93	1,283
1879	1·57	1,006	2·01	1,288
1880	1·53	938	2·36	1,422
1881	1·60	956	2·78	1,662
1882	1·13	1,242	3·10	1,802
1883	2·16	1,098	2·99	1,520
1884	2·23	1,043	3·06	1,432
1885	2·13	953	3·23	1,444
1886	2·15	922	3·42	1,465
1887	2·31	914	3·53	1,401
1888	2·44	938	3·67	1,412
1889	2·57	962	3·79	1,417
1890	2·68	967	4·34	1,568
1891	2·73	944	4·49	1,553
1892	2·76	928	4·53	1,521
1893	2·74	907	4·43	1,465
1894	2·88	925	4·12	1,326

1196. Canada has 2,348 miles of railway more than all the Australian colonies combined, and 4,400 miles more than the continent of Australia; but on the assumption that a railway only opens up country to the extent of about 20 miles on either side, there is yet a vast amount of country waiting for development, as, on that basis, there are only 630,720 square miles of this country within ordinary reach of railway facilities, not much more than one-sixth of the total area. In the Australasian colonies about one-seventh of the area has been thus developed.

The total railway mileage of the British Empire is 72,944, which, on the estimated area of 9,233,008* square miles, gives an average of one mile of railway to every 130 square miles, and, on the assumption in the preceding paragraph, allows for rather more than one-fourth of the area of the whole Empire being within reach of railway accommodation.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

1197. The railways belonging to the Government of Canada are included in what is known as the Canadian Government Railway system. They include, 1st, the Intercolonial Railway and its branches; 2nd, the Prince Edward Island Railway.

*Protectorates of Africa not included.