

The following table is compiled from the Statesman's 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 in 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	21,174	5·8
India	April 18, 1853	19,407	57
Canada.....	July 23, 1836	16,550	221
Australasia—			
New South Wales	Sept. 25, 1855	2,615	119
New Zealand	Dec. 1, 1863	2,189	48
Victoria	Sept. 14, 1854	3,120	29
Queensland	July 31, 1865	2,379	239
South Australia.....	April 16, 1856	1,888	493
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.....		402	51
South Africa	Oct. 7, 1893	218
Ceylon	“ 1, 1865	297	94
Jamaica	Nov. 21, 1845	130	44
Mauritius.....	May 13, 1862	105	7
Newfoundland	“ 13, 1867	466	105
Trinidad.....	“ 13, 1860	54	32
Barbados.....	Sept. 10, 1853	24	7
British Guiana	“ 1, 1864	23	5,190
Jersey, Malta, &c.....		68

RAILWAYS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Europe—			
Austria-Hungary	Sept. 20, 1828	18,317	14
Belgium	May 5, 1835	2,839	4
Denmark	Sept. 18, 1844	1,407	11
France.....	Oct. 1, 1828	24,729	8
Germany.....	Dec. 7, 1835	28,237	7
Greece.....	Feb. 18, 1869	578	43
Holland and Luxembourg ..	Sept. 13, 1839	1,924	7
Italy.....	Oct. 3, 1839	9,580	12
Norway.....	July 14, 1853	1,073	116
Portugal	“ 9, 1854	1,454	27
Roumania.....	Oct. 4, 1860	1,831	28
Russia and Finland.....	April 4, 1838	23,220	90
Servia.....		336	58
Spain	Oct. 30, 1848	7,543	26
Sweden	Feb. 9, 1851	6,058	29
Switzerland	June 15, 1844	2,304	7
Turkey.....	Oct. 4, 1860	1,130	114