

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	21,433	5·6
India.....	April 18, 1853	21,157	45·6
Canada.....	July 23, 1836	16,870	216·6
Australasia--			
New South Wales.....	Sept. 25, 1855	*2,691	115·5
New Zealand.....	Dec. 1, 1863	2,222	47·0
Victoria.....	Sept. 14, 1854	3,130	28·1
Queensland.....	July 31, 1865	2,609	256·2
South Australia.....	April 16, 1856	1,870	483·2
Tasmania.....	Feb. 19, 1871	495	53·3
Western Australia.....	Jan. 21, 1864	1,456	670·2
Cape of Good Hope.....	June 26, 1860	2,260	129·2
Natal.....	.....	487	42·0
South Africa.....	Oct. 7, 1893	218	.....
Ceylon.....	Oct. 1, 1865	297	85·4
Jamaica.....	Nov. 21, 1845	185	23·9
Mauritius.....	May 13, 1862	105	6·7
Newfoundland.....	" 13, 1867	633	66·3
Trinidad.....	" 13, 1880	84	22·2
Barbados.....	Sept. 10, 1883	24	6·9
British Guiana.....	" 1, 1864	40	2,725·0
Malta.....	.....	8	14·6
Hong Kong.....	.....	297	0·1

\*Government Railways only.

## RAILWAYS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Europe—			
Austria-Hungary.....	Sept. 20, 1828	20,222	11·9
Belgium.....	May 5, 1835	2,851	4·0
Denmark.....	Sept. 18, 1844	1,532	10·0
France.....	Oct. 1, 1828	25,777	7·9
Germany.....	Dec. 7, 1835	29,461	41·7
Greece.....	Feb. 18, 1869	591	42·3
Holland.....	Sept. 13, 1839	1,699	7·4
Italy.....	Oct. 3, 1839	9,582	11·5
Norway.....	July 14, 1853	1,213	102·5
Portugal.....	" 9, 1854	1,464	22·2
Roumania.....	Oct. 4, 1860	1,800	26·8
Russia and Finland.....	April 4, 1838	27,644	75·8
Servia.....	.....	354	53·8
Spain.....	Oct. 30, 1848	8,020	24·6
Sweden.....	Feb. 9, 1851	6,350	27·2
Switzerland.....	June 15, 1844	2,351	6·8
Turkey.....	Oct. 4, 1860	2,512	633·0