

ELECTRIC RAILWAY STATISTICS OF CANADA.

The following table gives particulars of thirty-four Electric Railway Companies during the year ended 31st December, 1899:—

Total number of railways sending returns	34
“ miles of track	632
“ cars	1,544
“ trailers	338
“ snow-sweepers, ploughs, &c	85
“ miles run	29,646,847
“ passengers carried	104,032,659
“ employees	4,329
Total amount of capital paid up	\$21,736,239
“ bonded debt	\$12,800,322

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	21,659	5·6
India.....	April 18, 1853	21,157	45·6
Canada.....	July 23, 1836	17,358	210·5
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	53·8
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	" 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
Transvaal		771	153·9
Trans. Orange State.....		366	132·0

* Government Railways only.