

The following table is compiled from a variety of 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 :—

STEAM RAILWAYS IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

COUNTRIES.	Date of Opening.	Miles of Railway.	Square Miles of Area to each Mile.
United Kingdom	Sept. 17, 1825	21,949	5·5
India	April 18, 1853	25,156	77·3
Canada	July 23, 1836	18,294	166·6
Australasia—			
Australia	Sept. 14, 1854	12,656	242·0
New Zealand	Dec. 1, 1863	2,257	46·3
Cape of Good Hope	June 26, 1860	2,390	122·3
Natal with Zululand		535	70·0
Rhodesia and East Africa	Oct. 7, 1893	1,085
Ceylon	" 1, 1865	297	85·3
Jamaica	Nov. 21, 1845	185	23·9
Mauritius	May 13, 1862	105	6·7
Newfoundland	" 13, 1867	638	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		774	153·9
Orange River State		392	132·0

RAILWAYS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Europe—			
Austria-Hungary	Sept. 20, 1828	22,201	10·9
Belgium	May 5, 1835	2,851	4·0
Denmark	Sept. 18, 1844	1,812	9·0
France	Oct. 1, 1828	26,904	7·6
Germany	Dec. 7, 1835	31,913	6·5
Greece	Feb. 18, 1869	591	42·3
Holland	Sept. 13, 1839	1,740	7·3
Italy	Oct. 3, 1839	9,821	11·2
Norway	July 14, 1853	1,225	162·5
Portugal	" 9, 1854	1,474	22·2
Rumania	Oct. 4, 1860	2,061	23·4
Russia and Finland	April 4, 1838	34,371	252·0
Servia		354	53·8
Spain	Oct. 30, 1848	8,250	24·6
Sweden	Feb. 9, 1851	6,830	25·3
Switzerland	June 15, 1844	2,458	6·5
Turkey	Oct. 4, 1860	2,670	600·0
Asia—			
Asiatic Turkey		*	*
China	June 3, 1876	124	10,781
Dutch Possessions—Java and Sumatra	Aug. 10, 1867	1,335	75·4
Japan	Oct. 17, 1873	4,750	21·5
Persia		34	18,470·6
Philippines		112
†Russia in Asia
Malay States		124	286·2
Siam		203	1,117·3
French Possessions		160

* Included in Turkey in Europe. † 4,706 miles included in Russia.