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 eacl Mile.
United Kingdom	Sept. 17, 1825	21,949	5.5
India			77.3
Canada			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	
Cevlon	. 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
		84	22.2
Barbados	Sept. 10, 1883	24	6.9
British Gujana	1, 1864	40	2,725 0
Malta.		8	14.6
Hong Kong	.	297	0.1
Fransvaal		774	153.9
TransvaalOrange River State		* 392	132.0
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Europe — Austria-Hungary Belgium	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835	22,201 2,851	10.9
Europe — Austria-Hungary Belgium Denmark	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835 Sept. 18, 1844	22,201	
Europe — Austria-Hungary Belgium Denmark France	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835 Sept. 18, 1844 Oct. 1, 1828	22,201 2,851	4.0
Europe — Austria-Hungary Belgium Denmark France	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835 Sept. 18, 1844 Oct. 1, 1828	22,201 2,851 1,812	4·0 9·0
Europe— Austria-Hungary Belgium Denmark France Germany Greece	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835 Sept. 18, 1844 Oct. 1, 1828 Dec. 7, 1835 Feb. 18, 1869	22,201 2,851 1,812 26,904 31,913	4·0 9·0 7·6
Europe — Austria-Hungary Belgium Denmark France Germany Greece Holland	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835 Sept. 18, 1844 Oct. 1, 1828 Dec. 7, 1835 Feb. 18, 1869 Sept. 13, 1839	22,201 2,851 1,812 26,904 31,913	4·0 9·0 7·6 6·5
Europe— Austria-Hungary Belgium Denmark France Germany Greece Holland	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835 Sept. 18, 1844 Oct. 1, 1828 Dec. 7, 1835 Feb. 18, 1869 Sept. 13, 1839 Oct. 3, 1839	22,201 2,851 1,812 26,904 31,913 591 1,740 9,821	4·0 9·0 7·6 6·5 42·3 7·3 11·2
Europe— Austria-Hungary Belgium Denmark France Germany Greece Holland Italy Norway	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835 Sept. 18, 1844 Oct. 1, 1828 Dec. 7, 1835 Feb. 18, 1869 Sept. 13, 1839 Oct. 3, 1839 July 14, 1853	22,201 2,851 1,812 26,904 31,913 591 1,740 9,821 1,225	4·0 9·0 7·6 6·5 42·3 7·3 11·2 102·5
Europe— Austria-Hungary Belgium Denmark France Germany Greece Holland Italy Norway Portugal	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835 Sept. 18, 1844 Oct. 1, 1828 Dec. 7, 1835 Feb. 18, 1869 Sept. 13, 1839 Oct. 3, 1839 July 14, 1853	22,201 2,851 1,812 26,904 31,913 591 1,740 9,821 1,225 1,474	4·0 9·0 7·6 6·5 42·3 7·3 11·2 102·5 22·2
Europe— Austria-Hungary Belgium Denmark France Germany Greece Holland Italy Norway Portugal Rumania	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835 Sept. 18, 1844 Oct. 1, 1828 Dec. 7, 1835 Feb. 18, 1869 Sept. 13, 1839 Oct. 3, 1839 July 14, 1853 " 9, 1854 Oct. 4, 1860	22,201 2,851 1,812 26,904 31,913 591 1,740 9,821 1,225 1,474 2,061	4 0 9 0 7 6 6 5 42 3 7 3 11 2 102 5 22 2 23 4
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Europe— Austria-Hungary Belgium Denmark France Germany Greece Holland Italy Norway Portugal Rumania Russia and Finland Servia	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835 Sept. 18, 1844 Oct. 1, 1828 Dec. 7, 1835 Feb. 18, 1869 Sept. 13, 1839 Oct. 3, 1839 July 14, 1853 " 9, 1854 Oct. 4, 1860 April 4, 1838	22,201 2,851 1,812 26,904 31,913 591 1,740 9,821 1,225 1,474 2,061 34,371	4 0 9 0 7 6 6 5 42 3 7 3 11 2 102 5 22 2 23 4 252 0 53 8
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Europe— Austria-Hungary Belgium Denmark France Germany Greece Holland Italy Norway Portugal Rumania Russia and Finland Servia Spain. Sweden. Switzerland Turkey.	Sept. 20, 1828 May 5, 1835 Sept. 18, 1844 Oct. 1, 1828 Dec. 7, 1835 Feb. 18, 1869 Sept. 13, 1839 Oct. 3, 1839 July 14, 1853 " 9, 1854 Oct. 4, 1860 April 4, 1838 Oct. 30, 1848 Feb. 9 1851	22,201 2,851 1,812 26,904 31,913 591 1,740 9,821 1,225 1,474 2,061 34,371 354 8,250 6,830	4 0 9 0 7 6 6 5 42 3 7 3 11 2 162 5 22 2 23 4 252 0 53 8 24 6 25 3
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^{*} Included in Turkey in Europe. † 4,706 miles included in Russia.