

STEAM RAILWAY STATISTICS, 1875-1902.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles in Operation.	Train Mileage.	Number of Passengers.	Tons of Freight.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.	Proportion of Expenses to Receipts.
					\$	\$	
1875	4,856 ³ / ₄	17,680,168	5,190,416	5,670,836	19,470,539	15,775,532	81·02
1876	5,157 ¹ / ₂	18,103,628	5,544,814	6,331,757	19,358,085	15,802,721	81·68
1877	5,574 ¹ / ₂	19,450,813	6,073,233	6,859,796	18,742,053	15,290,091	81·58
1878	6,143 ¹ / ₂	19,669,447	6,443,924	7,883,472	20,520,078	16,100,102	78·46
1879	6,484 ¹ / ₂	20,731,689	6,523,816	8,348,810	19,925,066	16,188,102	81·24
1880	6,891 ¹ / ₂	22,427,449	6,462,948	9,938,858	23,561,447	16,840,705	71·47
1881	7,260	27,301,306	6,943,671	12,065,323	27,987,509	20,121,418	71·89
1882	7,530	27,846,411	9,352,335	13,575,787	29,027,790	22,390,709	77·13
1883	8,726	30,072,910	9,579,948	13,266,255	33,244,585	24,691,667	74·27
1884	9,575	29,758,676	9,982,358	13,712,269	33,421,705	25,595,341	76·58
1885	10,150	30,623,689	9,672,599	14,659,271	32,227,469	24,015,351	74·51
1886	10,697	30,481,088	9,861,024	15,670,460	33,389,382	24,177,582	72·49
1887	11,691	33,638,748	10,698,638	16,356,335	38,842,010	27,624,683	71·12
1888	12,163	37,391,206	11,416,791	17,173,759	42,159,153	30,652,048	72·70
1889	12,628	38,819,330	12,151,051	17,928,626	42,149,615	31,038,045	73·63
1890	13,256	41,849,329	12,821,262	20,787,469	46,843,826	32,913,350	70·26
1891	14,009	43,399,178	13,222,568	21,753,021	48,192,099	34,960,449	72·56
1892	14,588	44,448,468	13,533,414	22,189,923	51,685,768	36,488,228	70·60
1893	15,020	44,385,953	13,618,027	22,003,599	52,042,397	36,616,033	70·36
1894	15,613	43,573,837	14,983,620	20,721,116	49,487,965	35,166,202	71·06
1895	15,941	40,413,324	12,520,585	21,524,421	46,655,883	32,678,035	70·04
1896	16,214	43,940,155	13,059,023	24,248,294	50,374,295	34,893,337	69·27
1897	16,437	44,447,977	13,742,454	25,230,470	52,109,518	34,949,432	68·38
1898	16,584	48,627,453	14,766,859	28,699,997	59,359,930	38,909,877	65·55
1899	17,115	50,086,993	15,451,082	31,068,159	61,831,325	40,468,361	65·45
1900	17,481	52,647,684	17,122,193	35,764,970	70,231,979	47,405,596	67·50
1901	18,140	53,349,394	18,385,722	36,999,371	72,898,749	50,368,726	69·06
1902	18,714	55,729,856	20,679,974	42,376,527	83,666,503	57,343,592	68·54

The earnings and expenses per mile in operation are as follows, in the years named. The increase or decrease shown in the table is, in each case, with the year immediately preceding:—

Year.	Earnings.	Increase or Decrease.	Working Expenses.	Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1875	4,033	3,268
1880	3,418	— 615	2,444	— 824
1885	3,175	— 243	2,366	— 78
1886	3,106	— 69	2,260	— 106
1887	3,332	+ 226	2,363	+ 197
1888	3,465	+ 133	2,520	+ 157
1889	3,338	— 127	2,458	— 62
1890	3,534	+ 196	2,483	+ 25
1891	3,440	— 94	2,495	+ 12
1892	3,543	+ 103	2,501	+ 6
1893	3,465	— 78	2,438	— 63
1894	3,169	— 296	2,252	— 186
1895	2,926	— 243	2,050	— 202
1896	3,107	+ 181	2,152	+ 102
1897	3,170	+ 53	2,127	— 25
1898	3,579	+ 409	2,346	+ 219
1899	3,613	+ 34	2,364	+ 18
1900	4,018	+ 405	2,712	+ 348
1901	3,985	— 33	2,753	+ 41
1902	4,434	+ 449	3,039	+ 286