

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	22,102	5·4
India	April 18, 1853	25,573	61·1
Canada	July 23, 1836	19,077	189·7
Australasia—			
Australia	Sept. 14, 1854	13,821	221·6
New Zealand	Dec. 1, 1863	2,323	45·0
Cape of Good Hope	June 26, 1860	2,648	155·3
Natal with Zululand		609	46·6
Rhodesia and East Africa	Oct. 7, 1893	4,071	
Ceylon	" 1, 1865	298	85·0
Sierra Leone		76	365·2
Jamaica	Nov. 21, 1845	185	23·9
Manritius	May 13, 1862	104	6·7
Newfoundland	" 13, 1867	658	62·8
Trinidad	" 13, 1880	89	20·0
Barbados	Sept. 10, 1883	28	6·7
British Guiana	" 1, 1864	95	1,280·0
Malta		8	14·6
Hong Kong		297	0·1
Transvaal		1,203	99·0
Orange River State		597	54·7
Borneo	1901	35	31,000·0
Labuan		10	

RAILWAYS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Europe—			
Austria-Hungary and Bosnia	Sept. 20, 1828	22,917	11·4
Belgium	May 5, 1835	4,116	2·7
Denmark	Sept. 18, 1844	1,928	7·9
France	Oct. 1, 1828	27,730	7·3
Germany	Dec. 7, 1835	33,448	6·2
Greece	Feb. 18, 1869	642	38·9
Holland	Sept. 13, 1839	1,767	7·1
Italy	Oct. 3, 1839	9,900	11·1
Norway	July 14, 1853	1,456	85·4
Portugal	" 9, 1854	1,496	22·2
Rumania	Oct. 4, 1860	1,972	24·5
Russia and Finland	April 4, 1838	31,114	67·3
Servia		289	65·9
Spain	Oct. 30, 1848	8,551	23·1
Sweden	Feb. 9, 1851	7,562	22·8
Switzerland	June 15, 1844	2,482	63·3
Turkey in Europe	Oct. 4, 1860	1,952	52·8
Asia—			
Asiatic Turkey		1,715	400·3
China (proper)	June 3, 1876	942	1,436·7
Dutch Possessions—Java and Sumatra	Aug. 10, 1867	1,335	75·4
Japan	Oct. 17, 1873	5,273	28·0
Persia		13	
Philippines		119	1,604·0
*Russia in Asia		5,157	1,273·0
Malay States		124	286·2
Siam	April —, 1893	203	1,117·3
French Possessions		213	

* 4,706 miles included in Russia.