

Railway mileage of the world. 845. The latest available figures place the railway mileage of the world at 364,874 miles, which gives an average of one mile of railway to every 142 square miles, and provides railway accommodation for a little more than one-fourth of the total area.

Railways in foreign countries. 846. The next table gives the latest obtainable particulars of the railways in the principal foreign countries :—

RAILWAYS IN PRINCIPAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

COUNTRIES.	Miles of Railway.	Number of Persons to each Mile.	Square Miles of Area to each Mile.
Europe—			
Austria-Hungary.....	16,712	2,470	14
Belgium.....	2,830	2,172	4
Denmark.....	1,247	1,742	12
France.....	20,969	1,823	10
German Empire.....	25,958	1,904	8
Greece.....	374	5,848	67
Italy.....	7,868	3,805	14
Netherlands.....	1,705	2,646	7
Portugal.....	1,334	3,529	26
Roumania.....	1,590	3,459	32
Russia.....	20,085	4,473	104
Servia.....	336	6,437	57
Spain.....	6,043	2,903	32
Sweden and Norway.....	5,983	1,134	49
Switzerland.....	1,980	1,481	8
Turkey.....	1,512	6,136	83
Asia—			
Japan.....	1,128	35,525	131
Africa—			
Egypt.....	1,127	6,049	10
America—			
Argentine Republic.....	6,855	511	163
Brazil.....	5,900	2,373	545
Chili.....	1,700	1,487	171
Mexico.....	6,266	1,833	118
Peru.....	1,625	1,828	279
United States.....	163,420	383	22
Uruguay.....	707	916	102

It will be seen that only five of these countries, viz., Austria-Hungary, France, the German empire, Russia and the United States, have a greater railway mileage than Canada.

Dates of openings of railways in various countries. 847. The following table gives the dates when railways were opened in various countries, arranged in chronological order.*

*Hazell's Annual and Poor's Manual of Railroads.