

1885.
VICTORIA.

RAILWAY STATISTICS OF AUSTRALASIA, 1884.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

(To be substituted for Table X., page 16, of "Australasian Statistics, 1884," Parliamentary Paper No. 81, Session 1885.)

| Name of Colony. | On the 31st December. | | | Receipts during Year. | Working Expenses during Year. |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Railways Open. | | Railways in Course of Construction. | | |
| | Length. | Capital Cost. | | | |
| | Miles. | £ | Miles. | £ | £ |
| Victoria | 1,663 | 22,070,300 | 39 ¹ | 2,196,149 | 1,335,800 |
| New South Wales ² ... | 1,665 | 20,080,138 | 391 | 2,086,237 | 1,301,259 |
| Queensland | 1,207 | 8,631,835 ³ | 746 ⁴ | 630,631 | 357,535 |
| South Australia ... | 1,059 | 7,273,520 | 263 | 606,539 | 382,723 |
| Western Australia... .. | 118 ⁵ | 381,885 | 48 | 20,809 | 18,114 |
| Total | 5,712 | 58,437,678 | 1,487 | 5,540,365 | 3,395,431 |
| Tasmania ⁶ | 215 | 1,793,939 | 159 | 114,768 | 95,748 |
| New Zealand ⁷ | 1,570 | 11,810,194 | 158 | 1,045,712 | 690,026 |
| Grand Total | 7,497 | 72,041,811 | 1,804 | 6,700,845 | 4,181,205 |

¹ In Victoria, besides the lines in course of construction, there were 1,201 miles authorized but not commenced.

² Including 45 miles of private railway, but exclusive of 35 miles of Government tramway. The gross receipts from the latter amounted to £223,454, and the working expenses to £215,086.

³ Including cost of lines in progress.

⁴ Including railways authorized.

⁵ Including 42 miles of private railway.

⁶ Including 170 miles of private lines, of which 122 miles are guaranteed by the Government. These were constructed at a capital cost of £1,328,445, and in 1884 yielded a gross revenue of £85,693, whilst the working expenses amounted to £75,195.

⁷ The figures for New Zealand are for the year ended 31st March, 1885. A private railway, 91 miles in length, is included.

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