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OF THE

UNITED STATES,

EMBRACING

ITS TERRITORY, POPULATION—WHITE, FREE COLORED, AND SLAVE—
MORAL AND SOCIAL CONDITION, INDUSTRY, PROPERTY, AND
REVENUE; THE DETAILED STATISTICS OF CITIES,
TOWNS, AND COUNTIES;

BEING A

COMPENDIUM OF THE SEVENTH CENSUS;

TO WHICH ARE ADDED

THE RESULTS OF EVERY PREVIOUS CENSUS, BEGINNING WITH 1790, IN COMPARATIVE TABLES,
WITH EXPLANATORY AND ILLUSTRATIVE NOTES, BASED UPON THE SCHEDULES
AND OTHER OFFICIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

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The following will show the present results of rail roads and canals in the United States. The funded debt of rail roads, in 1853 was \$130,000,000, and their gross earnings \$38,353,837. A report of 2,356 miles of canals, shows a total cost of \$54,676,936. There were in 1853, 89 telegraphic lines having 23,261 miles of wire. At present the miles of wire may be estimated at over 30,000.

TABLE CCXIII.—Rail Roads and Canals, 1854.

States.	Canals, miles.	RAIL ROADS.				Cost.	States.	Canals, miles.	RAIL ROADS.				Cost.
		Number.	Miles in operation.	Miles in construction.					Number.	Miles in operation.	Miles in construction.		
Alabama.....	51	6	221	659	\$3,636,208	New Hampshire	11	15	513	21	16,185,254		
Connecticut....	61	15	669	83	20,857,357	New Jersey.....	147	11	408	29	11,536,505		
Delaware.....	14	2	16	43	600,000	New York.....	969	32	2,345	564	94,523,785		
Florida.....	2	2	54	.....	250,000	North Carolina..	13	3	249	223	4,106,000	
Georgia.....	28	15	684	443	16,084,872	Ohio.....	921	46	2,367	1,578	44,927,058		
Illinois.....	109	25	1,262	1,045	25,420,000	Pennsylvania...	936	64	1,464	987	58,494,875		
Indiana.....	367	18	1,127	748	22,400,000	Rhode Island....	1	1	50	.....	2,614,484	
Iowa.....	2	2	.....	480	.....	South Carolina..	50	9	575	374	11,287,093
Kentucky.....	486	9	233	452	4,909,990	Tennessee.....	9	388	695	7,800,000			
Louisiana.....	101	7	117	119	1,131,000	Texas.....	1	.....	72	.....		
Maine.....	50	11	417	90	12,662,645	Vermont.....	8	423	59	14,115,195			
Maryland.....	184	3	597	30	26,024,620	Virginia.....	189	21	673	1,189	12,720,421		
Massachusetts..	140	43	1,283	48	55,602,687	Wisconsin.....	4	178	200	3,800,000			
Michigan.....	4	4	601	.....	13,842,279	Total.....	4,798	396	17,317	12,525	469,603,128	
Mississippi.....	4	4	155	436	3,070,000								
Missouri.....	6	50	963	1,000,000									

In Great Britain 7,686 miles of railway in 1853 were open to traffic, and charters existed for 2,164 miles more; in 1850, 625 miles were opened, in 1853, 350 miles. Total capital invested 1852, £234,165,680. Total passengers conveyed, 162,336,660. Total receipts from all sources, £18,635,879. In France, 1853, there were 4,070 kilometres (2 of a mile, 1,093 yards) of railroad in operation, 1890 under construction, and 3,665 proposed. Dr. Lardner estimated the railroads opened in the world in 1845, 18,656, and in construction 7,829, with a total capital of about £500,000,000. A late French authority, 1854, states the miles of railroad in Europe to be 52,011 kilom. of which 45,539 were opened. The relation of the governments to each other with regard to railroads and in proportion to territory, is expressed in the figures. France 0.77, Prussia 1.06, smaller German States 1.30, Belgium 3.06, Great Britain 3.91.

The number of miles of railway now in operation upon the surface of the globe is 35,430, of which 16,890 are in the Eastern Hemisphere, and 18,540 are in the Western; and which are distributed as follows:

In the United States 17,317 miles, British Provinces 823, Island of Cuba 359, Panama 31, South America 60, Great Britain 7,686, Germany 5,340, France 2,480, Belgium 532, Russia 422, Sweden 75, Italy 170, Spain 60, Africa 25, India 100.

PART V.

PROPERTY, REVENUE, TAXATION, &c.

THE value of real and personal estate in the United States in 1850 was \$7,066,562,956. Supposing this to be correct, and estimating the increase since that time to have averaged as much as in Kentucky, which in 1853 was \$366,957,487, the total in 1854 would be upwards of \$7,500,000,000 for the official and \$9,000,000,000 for the real. This is but an approximation, as the taxable property is only included, which in all of the States is greatly less than the whole. The real estate in farms alone, as was seen in another place, amounted in value to \$3,271,575,426 in 1850. From the official reports of States and cities, collected independently of the census: Taxable property of Texas, 1850, \$51,814,615; 1853, \$90,155,114; Pennsylvania, 1853, \$531,370,454; California, 1852, \$64,388,175; Ohio, 1850, \$430,839,885; Virginia, 1850, \$274,680,296 for lands alone; Arkansas, 1852, \$43,569,458; Illinois, 1851, real \$86,512,537, real and personal \$119,868,333; Iowa, 1852, \$38,427,370; Louisiana, 1850, \$220,165,172; 1851, \$270,000,000; New York, 1852, real \$246,467,907, personal \$221,802,950; Tennessee, 1850, \$159,558,183; Maryland, 1851, \$191,888,088; Georgia, 1853, lands \$116,437,117, city property included \$19,314,347; Mississippi, taxable land valued at \$76,201,031; Indiana, 1853, assessed value of property \$265,097,614; Baltimore, real and personal, 1850, \$60,237,060; Mobile, 1850, \$11,985,960; 1851, \$17,670,995; New York city, real \$227,015,855, real and personal \$320,110,866; 1853, 413,688,633; Savannah, 1848, \$3,600,000 real estate; New Orleans, 1853, \$66,350,260 for real, and for real and personal \$83,588,055; Boston, 1850, real \$103,093,400, personal \$74,907,100, total \$180,000,000; Charleston, 1852, \$11,943,886; 1854, \$23,000,000 by a new assessment of real estate.

The total debt of the United States July 1, 1854, as reported by the Secretary of the Treasury, was \$47,180,506.05; the amount of bonds and stocks outstanding on June 30, 1853, of the General and State governments, cities, counties, rail roads, banks, insurance companies is estimated by the Secretary at \$1,178,567,389, of which those held by foreigners are between \$184,184,714 and \$222,225,315 or between one-fifth and one-sixth. The property owned by State governments exclusively of lots, buildings, &c. devoted to government uses he estimates at \$171,889,889.

Receipts into the Treasury, 1852: revenues from customs \$47,339,326, for public lands \$2,043,230, total receipts \$49,728,356. Expenditure: civil list \$3,422,939, foreign intercourse \$4,132,671, including \$3,180,000 to Mexico, miscellaneous \$5,198,828, War Department \$8,225,246, navy \$8,928,336, public debt \$6,275,815, total expenditure \$46,007,896. Revenue of Great Britain, 1853, £50,468,193, of which £21,622,493 from imposts. Relative annual expenditure of Britain \$256,000,000, debt \$3,222,000,000; of France \$25,600,000; debt \$943,000,000; of Russia, \$77,650,000, debt \$550,000,000; of Spain \$51,000,000, debt \$700,000,000.