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# The Netherlands and the CCNR in the 19<sup>th</sup> century

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## Three periods

- The period of King Willem I and his rivalry with Prussia
  - Most authoritarian period in Dutch history
  - Until 1830: Rivalry with Prussia
- Period of Prussian dominance in the Central Commission
  - Dutch opposition
  - Fear of Prussia
  - Tried to oppose the Prussian policy within the CCNR, but too weak
- Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century until 1914:
  - Prussian policy from earlier periods now positive for:
    - The development of Rhine transport and the Port of Rotterdam
    - The fact that Prussia used the supranational organization to liberalized Rhine transport completely, now advantageous
  - In 1914 Rhine navigation and the Act of Mannheim one of the reasons for Germany to keep the Dutch out of war

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Oranje Boven!

Holland is vry.

De Bondgenooten trekken op Utrecht,

De Engelschen worden geroepen.

De Franschen vlugten aan alle kanten.

De zee is open.

De koophandel herleeft.

Alle perijschap heeft opgehouden,

Al het geledene is vergeten

En vergeven.

Alle de aanzienlyken komen in de regering.

De regering roept den Prins uit

Tot hooge Overheid.

Wy voegen ons by de Bondgenooten,

En dwingen den vyand tot vrede.

Het volk krygt een' vrolyken dag

Op gemeene kosten

Zonder plundering noch mishandeling.

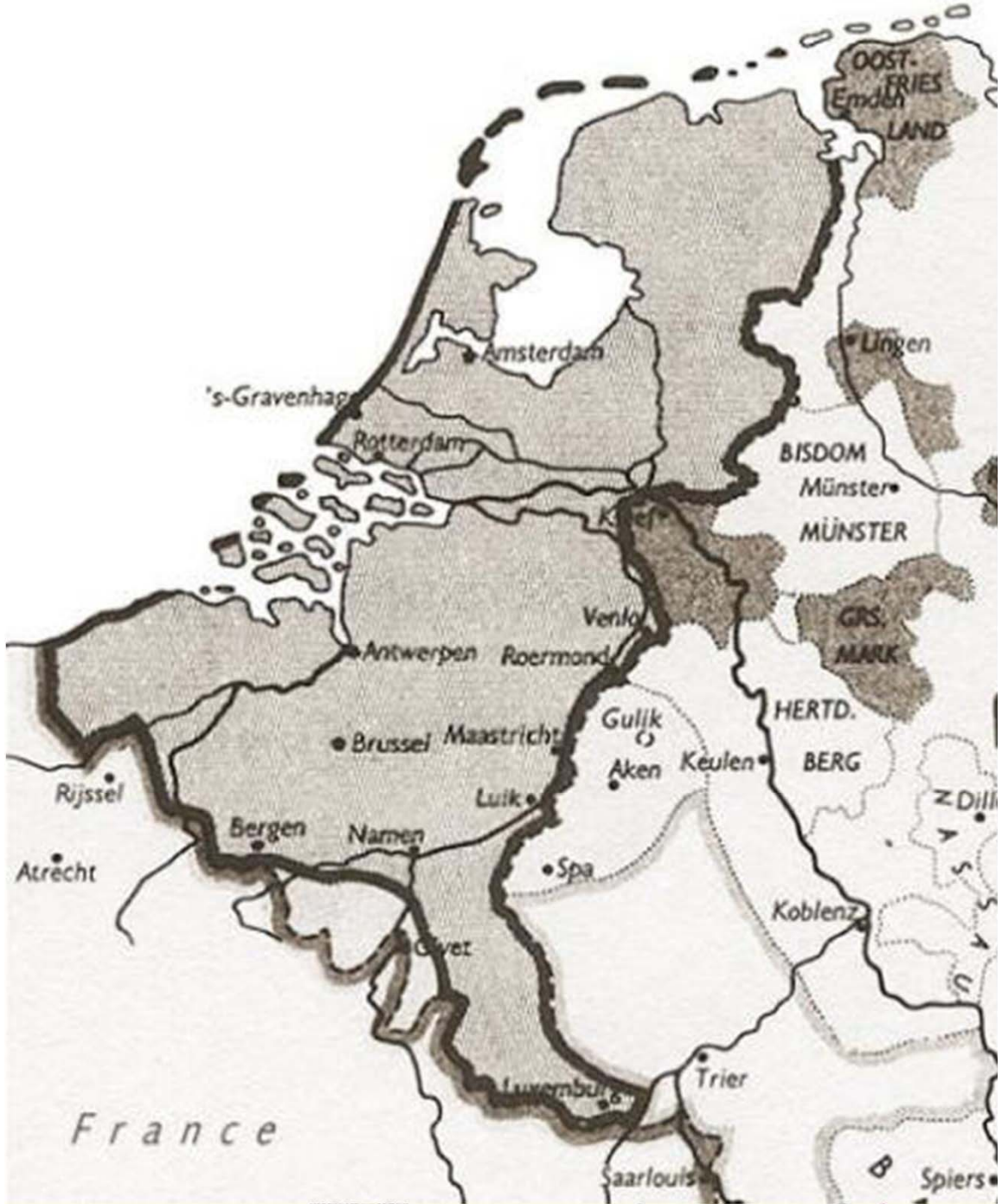
Elk dankt God.

De oude tyden komen wederom.





# United Kingdom of the Netherlands



# Rivalry with Prussia

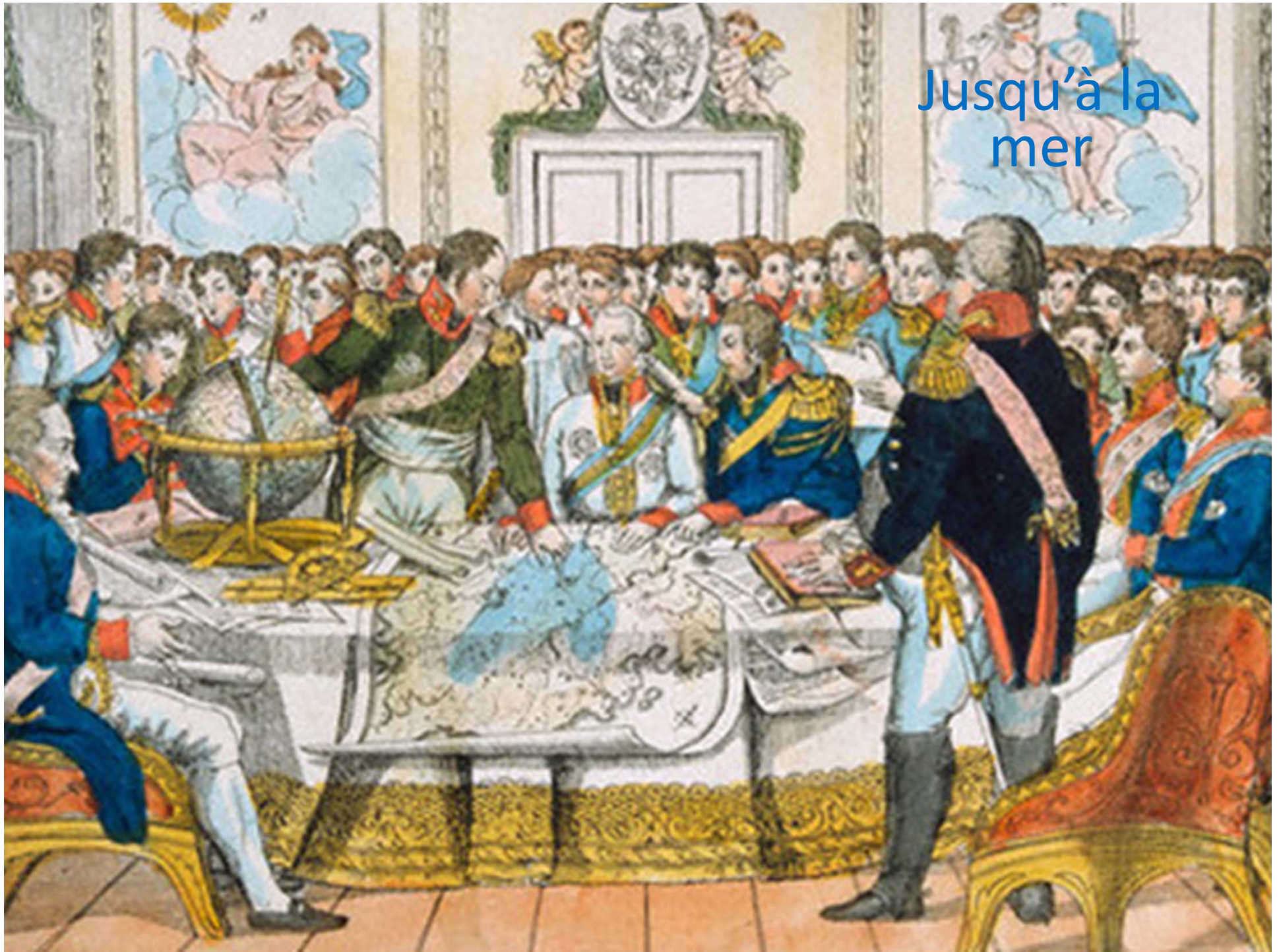


Central Europe after the Congress of Vienna (1815)

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Jusqu'à la mer





# Pannerdens Canal 1707





# The long road to the Rhine Convention of Mainz of 1831

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Der von der Versammlung beschlossene  
Beschluss

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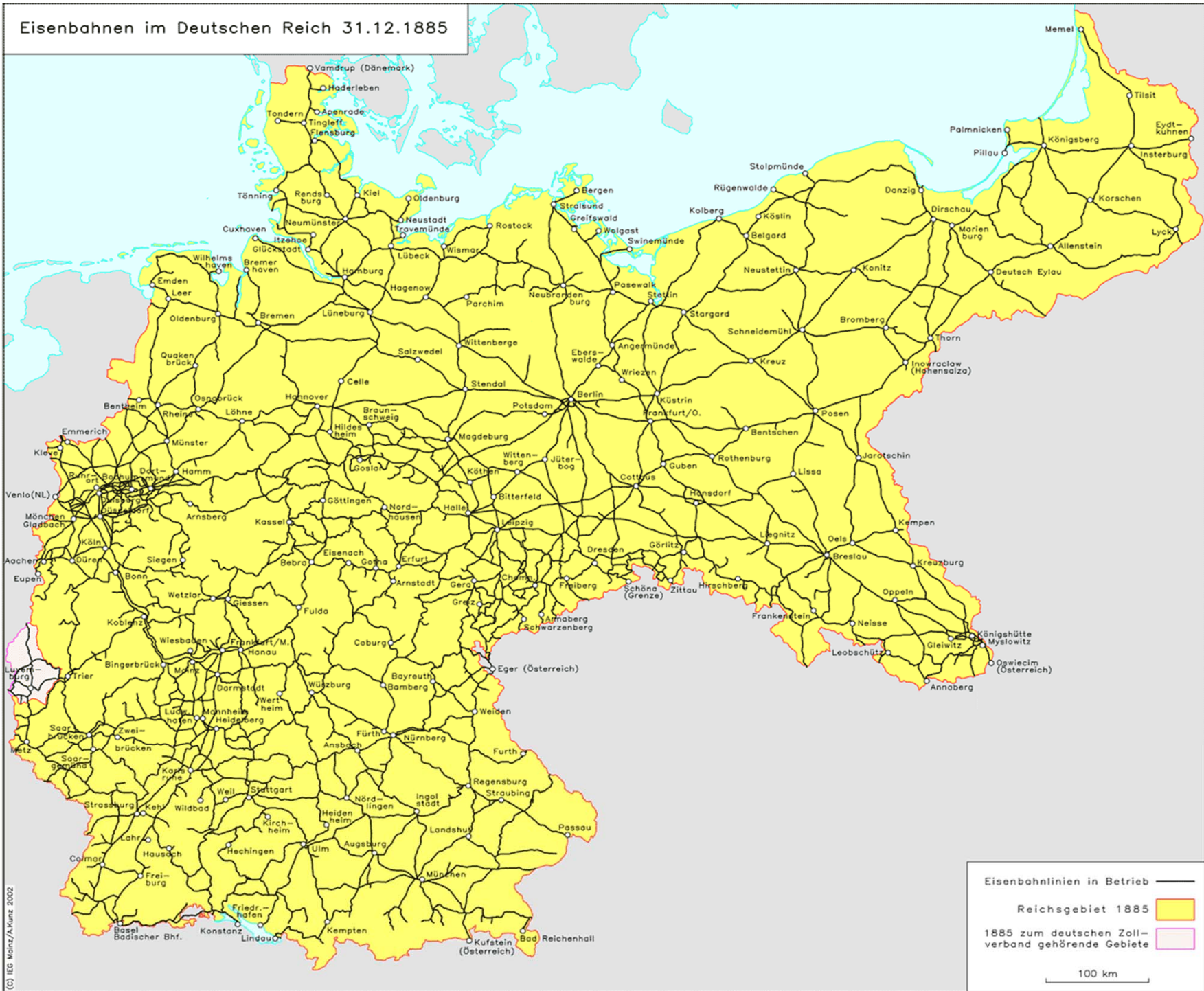
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# Eisenbahnen im Deutschen Reich 31.12.1885





J.R. Thorbecke  
(1798-1872)



# Rhine regulation and normalisation



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1860s: Pressure of Prussia  
increased



# 1868: Rhine Convention of Mannheim

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Mannheim den 21. März 1868.

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## 1871: Unification of Germany



Graph 1 *Costs rail transports in percents of the cost of international river transport, 1860-1913*

