

TABLE D.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT during the Financial Years ended 30th June, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Stations open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue derived from Private, Press, and Provincial Government Messages, and Incidental Receipts.	Value of General Government Messages.		Total Value of Business done during the Year.		Cost of Maintenance of Stations.		Cost of Maintenance of Lines.		Total Expenditure.		Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.		Tariff in Operation.
				Private, Press, and Provincial Government.	General Government.	Total.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,476	27,237	5,561	19	2	483	3	2	3,934	3	4	6,045	2	4	Mileage tariff.
"	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070	10	1	3,770	4	8	8,017	14	7	12,840	14	9	
"	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652	3	7	6,672	0	3	9,489	17	10	18,324	3	10	
"	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,157	18,520	10	4	13,430	11	9	14,266	12	7	31,951	2	1	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform 2s. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
"	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	1	4	12,252	6	0	16,417	7	4	29,470	7	4	
"	*1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419	8	8	9,876	17	6	21,254	4	3	32,296	6	2	
"	+2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	10	0	11,043	3	9	23,593	9	9	39,164	13	9	From 1st November 1873, address and signature given in free.
"	+2,356	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	39,680	18	9	11,105	2	0	27,040	18	10	50,786	0	9	
"	\$2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508	18	10	12,618	11	6	38,801	19	4	59,127	10	4	
"	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301	12	3	13,679	10	9	45,814	11	4	68,981	3	0	From 1st November 1873, address and signature given in free.
"	¶3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	10	4	16,154	6	0	61,696	14	5	78,869	16	4	
"	**3,259	7,423	155	932,283	172,159	1,124,432	65,644	15	3	17,024	8	9	63,353	10	10	82,669	4	0	
"	††3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1	10	19,148	12	4	69,340	1	8	92,432	14	2	From this mileage 31 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
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* From this mileage 78 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
+ From this mileage 32 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
† From this mileage 42 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
‡ From this mileage 106 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

|| From this mileage 31 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
¶ From this mileage 174 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
** From this mileage 85 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
†† From this mileage 116 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.