

Table No. 23.

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, 1878, and to the 31st March, 1880, 1881, and 1882.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Stations Open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue derived from and Press Messages, Money-Order Telegrams, and Incidental Receipts.	Value of 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, Provincial Government.	General Government.	Total.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	£	s. d.	£	£	
30th June, 1866	609	13	24,761	2,476	27,237	5,561	19 2	483	3 2	3,934	2 11	6,377	6 3	3 9 10	Mileage tariff.
" " 1867	757	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070	10 1	3,770	4 8	8,017	2 11	10,558	19 6	3 7 1	
" " 1868	1,110	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652	3 7	18,324	0 3	9,459	4 11	14,896	5 1	4 17 4	
" " 1869	1,329	45	106,070	50,097	156,157	18,520	10 4	13,430	11 9	14,266	4 9	22,813	17 4	6 8 6	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.
" " 1870	1,661	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	1 4	12,352	6 0	16,417	4 10	30,537	12 2	8 9 11	
" " 1871	* 1,976	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419	8 8	9,876	17 6	21,254	3 8	32,598	7 11	5 19 6	
" " 1872	† 2,185	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	10 0	11,043	3 9	23,593	9 9	32,452	9 4	4 2 3	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" " 1873	‡ 2,356	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	39,680	18 9	11,105	2 0	27,040	5 4	36,520	4 2	4 1 11	
" " 1874	§ 2,530	105	645,007	107,832	752,839	46,568	18 10	12,618	11 6	38,801	17 11	53,823	17 3	6 3 11	
" " 1875	2,986	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301	12 3	13,679	10 9	45,814	14 4	60,055	10 11	4 16 4	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" " 1876	¶ 3,154	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	10 4	16,154	6 0	61,606	14 5	82,771	3 1	5 18 10	
" " 1877	** 3,259	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	65,044	15 3	17,024	8 9	63,353	10 10	81,284	18 10	5 12 11	
" " 1878	†† 3,434	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1 10	19,148	12 4	69,340	8 8	87,599	6 5	5 10 0	From this mileage 102 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
" " 1879	‡‡ 3,512	195	1,201,082	246,061	1,448,943	85,492	0 2	26,949	2 3	70,592	7 10	96,801	8 3	5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	§§ 3,638	214	824,734	183,075	1,008,409	58,120	3 3	77,827	6 3	68,651	10 10	83,409	15 3	4 3 4	
" " 1881	3,758	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002	2 0	27,021	3 8	78,224	8 3	101,378	9 11	6 6 7	From this mileage 66 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
" " 1882	¶¶ 3,824	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828	19 8	101,566	16 0	69,165	13 4	87,457	18 4	4 17 4	

* 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.

‡‡ From this mileage 109 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

§§ From this mileage 95 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

||| From this mileage 102 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.

¶¶ From this mileage 66 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.