## Table No. 22.

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; to the 31st March, 1880, 1881, and 1882; and to the 31st December, 1882 and 1883.

| 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 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, Press, and Provincial Government. | General Government. | Total. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | |
| 30th June, 1866 | 699 | 1,390 | 13 | 24,761 | 2,746 | 27,237 | 5,561 19 2 | 483 3 2 | 6,045 2 4 | 3,934 3 4 | 2,443 2 11 | 6,377 6 3 | 3 9 10 | Mileage tariff. |
| " 1867 | 757 | 1,498 | 21 | 55,621 | 15,331 | 70,952 | 9,070 10 1 | 3,770 4 8 | 12,840 14 9 | 8,017 14 7 | 2,541 4 11 | 10,558 19 6 | 3 7 1 | |
| " 1868 | 1,110 | 2,223 | 31 | 72,241 | 26,244 | 98,485 | 11,652 3 7 | 6,672 0 3 | 18,324 3 10 | 9,489 17 10 | 5,406 7 3 | 14,896 5 1 | 4 17 4 | |
| " 1869 | 1,329 | 2,495 | 45 | 106,070 | 50,097 | 156,157 | 18,520 10 4 | 13,430 11 9 | 31,951 2 1 | 14,266 12 7 | 8,547 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 | 2,897 | 56 | 122,545 | 62,878 | 185,423 | 17,218 1 4 | 12,252 6 0 | 29,470 7 4 | 16,417 7 4 | 14,120 4 10 | 30,537 12 2 | 8 9 11 | |
| " 1871 | 1,976 [a] | 3,247 | 72 | 253,582 | 59,292 | 312,874 | 22,419 8 8 | 9,876 17 6 | 32,296 6 2 | 21,254 4 3 | 11,344 3 8 | 32,598 7 11 | 5 19 6 | |
| " 1872 | 2,185 [b] | 3,823 | 81 | 344,524 | 67,243 | 411,767 | 28,121 10 0 | 11,043 3 9 | 39,164 13 9 | 23,593 9 9 | 8,858 19 7 | 32,452 9 4 | 4 2 3 | |
| " 1873 | 2,356 [c] | 4,574 | 93 | 485,507 | 83,453 | 568,960 | 39,680 18 9 | 11,105 2 0 | 50,786 0 9 | 27,040 18 10 | 9,479 5 4 | 36,520 4 2 | 4 1 11 | |
| " 1874 | 2,530 [d] | 5,782 | 105 | 645,067 | 107,832 | 752,899 | 46,508 18 10 | 12,618 11 6 | 59,127 10 4 | 38,801 19 4 | 15,021 17 11 | 53,823 17 3 | 6 3 11 | From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free. |
| " 1875 | 2,986 [e] | 6,626 | 127 | 786,237 | 130,891 | 917,128 | 55,301 12 3 | 13,679 10 9 | 68,981 3 0 | 45,814 11 4 | 14,240 19 7 | 60,055 10 11 | 4 16 4 | |
| " 1876 | 3,154 [f] | 7,247 | 142 | 890,382 | 160,704 | 1,051,086 | 62,715 10 4 | 16,154 6 0 | 78,869 16 4 | 61,696 14 5 | 21,074 8 8 | 82,771 3 1 | 5 18 10 | |
| " 1877 | 3,259 [g] | 7,423 | 155 | 952,283 | 172,159 | 1,124,432 | 65,644 15 3 | 17,024 8 9 | 82,669 4 0 | 63,353 10 10 | 17,931 8 0 | 81,284 18 10 | 5 12 11 | |
| " 1878 | 3,434 [h] | 8,035 | 182 | 1,065,481 | 194,843 | 1,260,324 | 73,284 1 10 | 19,148 12 4 | 92,432 14 2 | 69,340 1 8 | 18,259 4 9 | 87,599 6 5 | 5 10 0 | |
| " 1879 | 3,512 [i] | 8,117 | 195 | 1,201,982 | 246,961 | 1,448,943 | 85,402 0 2 | 26,949 2 2 | 112,351 2 4 | 79,502 0 5 | 17,299 7 10 | 96,861 8 3 | 5 0 9 | |
| 31st March, 1880 | 3,638 [j] | 9,333 | 214 | 824,734 | 183,675 | 1,008,409 | 58,120 3 3 | 19,707 6 3 | 77,827 9 6 | 68,651 10 10 | 14,758 4 5 | 83,409 15 3 | 4 3 4 | |
| " 1881 | 3,758 [k] | 9,587 | 227 | 1,058,342 | 246,370 | 1,304,712 | 73,002 2 0 | 27,021 3 8 | 100,023 5 8 | 78,224 1 8 | 23,154 8 3 | 101,378 9 11 | 6 6 7 | |
| " 1882 | 3,824 [l] | 9,653 | 234 | 1,215,849 | 222,923 | 1,438,772 | 78,828 19 8 | 22,737 16 4 | 101,566 16 0 | 69,165 5 0 | 18,292 13 4 | 87,457 18 4 | 4 17 4 | |
| 31st Dec., 1882 | 3,974 [m] | 9,848 | 264 | 1,361,817 | 208,372 | 1,570,189 | 90,633 11 2 | 20,608 11 11 | 111,242 3 1 | 73,554 9 1 | 22,451 6 3 | 96,005 15 4 | 5 17 5 | |
| " 1883 | 4,074 [n] | 10,037 | 302 | 1,379,483 | 219,917 | 1,599,400 | 93,822 3 3 | 21,555 19 2 | 115,378 2 5 | 73,054 4 6 | 19,210 6 6 | 92,264 11 0 | 4 16 8 | |

(a) From this mileage 78 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
(b) " 32 " " " "
(c) " 42 " " " "
(d) " 106 " " " "
(e) " 31 " " " "
(f) " 174 " " " "
(g) " 150 " " " "
(h) From this mileage 85 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
(i) " 116 " " " "
(j) " 109 " " " "
(k) " 95 " " " "
(l) " 102 " " " "
(m) " 66 " " " "
(n) " 100 " " " "