Table No. 21.

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, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887.

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, excluding Australian cable subsidy.	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	27,407	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	156,167	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	1,124,442	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	96,801 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	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed-telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination
" 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	
" 1884	4,264 (o)	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,634 5 5	20,855 19 7	116,490 5 0	70,036 6 2	20,041 15 10	90,078 2 0	4 18 4	
" 1885	4,463 (p)	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	101,652 8 0	24,860 9 0	126,512 17 0	77,082 4 4	20,900 6 2	97,982 10 6	4 15 9	
" 1886	4,546 (q)	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638 12 2	27,281 4 9	133,919 16 11	77,473 10 7	21,402 18 2	98,875 8 9	4 15 11	
" 1887	4,646 (r)	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548 4 0	30,205 11 10	136,753 15 10	76,580 10 0	21,321 2 9	97,901 12 9	4 13 9	

(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) " 85 " " " "
(i) " 116 " " " "
(j) From this mileage 109 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
(k) " 95 " " " "
(l) " 102 " " " "
(m) " 66 " " " "
(n) " 100 " " " "
(o) " 190 " " " "
(p) " 199 " " " "
(q) " 83 " " " "
(r) 100 " " " "