

Table No. 17

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the Telegraph Department during the Financial Years ended 30th June, 1866, to 30th June, 1879, 31st March, 1880, to 31st March, 1882, and Calendar Years ended 31st December, 1882, to 31st December, 1893.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Stations.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Telegraph Revenue from all Sources.	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, and Press.	Government.		£	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	6,045	3 4	3,934	2 4	2,443	6,377	3 9	10	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070	10 1	12,840	14 9	8,017	14 7	2,541	10,558	3 7	1	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652	3 7	18,324	3 10	9,489	17 10	5,406	14,896	5 1	4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520	10 4	31,951	2 1	14,266	12 7	8,547	22,813	6 8	6	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	1 4	29,470	7 4	16,417	7 4	14,120	30,537	8 9	11	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.
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419	8 8	32,296	6 2	21,254	4 3	11,344	32,598	5 19	6	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	10 0	39,164	13 9	23,593	9 9	8,838	32,452	4 2	3	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,597	83,453	568,960	39,680	18 9	50,786	0 9	27,040	18 10	9,479	36,520	4 1	11	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508	18 10	59,127	10 4	38,801	19 4	15,021	53,823	6 3	11	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301	12 3	68,981	3 0	45,814	11 4	14,240	60,055	4 16	4	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	10 4	78,869	16 4	61,696	14 5	21,074	82,771	5 18	10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	65,644	15 3	82,669	4 0	63,353	10 10	17,931	81,284	5 12	11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1 10	92,432	14 2	69,340	1 8	18,259	87,599	5 5	0	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	85,402	0 2	112,351	2 4	79,502	0 5	17,299	96,801	5 0	9	
" 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120	3 3	77,827	9 6	68,651	10 10	14,758	83,409	4 3	4	
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002	2 0	100,023	5 8	78,224	1 8	23,154	101,378	6 6	7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828	19 8	101,566	16 0	69,165	5 0	18,292	87,457	4 17	4	