

The following tables show the operations of the old and new tariffs in detail :—
Return showing the Number of Telegrams forwarded, the Revenue derived therefrom, and the Rate of Increase during the last three Financial Years.

Financial Year.	Number of Tele-grams forwarded.	Rate of Increase.	Revenue.	Rate of Increase.
1894-95... ..	1,802,182	...	£ 85,388 s. 0 d. 0	...
1895-96... ..	1,899,632	5·41 per cent.	92,289 0 0	8·08 per cent.
1896-97... ..	2,285,001	20·29 per cent.	97,453 0 0	5·60 per cent.

Return showing the Number of Telegrams forwarded and the Revenue derived therefrom for the Ten Months ended 31st March, 1897, as compared with the Corresponding Ten Months of the previous Financial Year.

Period.	Number of Tele-grams forwarded.	Rate of Increase.	Revenue.	Rate of Increase.
June, 1895, to March, 1896...	1,593,607	...	£ 78,461 s. 0 d. 0	...
June, 1896, to March, 1897...	1,970,872	23·67 per cent.	81,557 0 0	3·95 per cent.

Return showing the Number of Telegrams forwarded and the Revenue derived therefrom for the Twelve Months ended 31st May, 1897, as compared with the Twelve Months ended 31st May, 1896.

Period.	Number of Tele-grams forwarded.	Rate of Increase.	Revenue.	Rate of Increase.
June, 1895, to May, 1896 ...	1,907,736	...	£ 94,357 s. 0 d. 0	...
June, 1896, to May, 1897 ...	2,373,876	24·43 per cent.	97,177 0 0	2·99 per cent.

Return showing the number of Telegrams forwarded and the Revenue derived therefrom, Month by Month, for the Twelve Months ended 31st May, 1897, as compared with the Twelve Months ended 31st May, 1896.

Month.	Number of Telegrams forwarded.		Increase Per Cent.	Revenue.				Increase Per Cent.	Decrease Per Cent.		
	1895-96, Old Rates.	1896-97, New Rates.		1895-96, Old Rates.		1896-97, New Rates.					
June	139,188	181,532	30·42	£ 6,720	s. 6	d. 4½	£ 8,082	s. 10	d. 1	20·28	...
July	146,134	186,446	27·59	6,890	5	2	8,199	10	8	19·01	...
August	155,370	180,297	16·04	7,535	16	7	7,789	5	1	3·36	...
September	155,453	183,095	17·78	7,712	1	1½	7,705	2	2	...	0·09
October	167,527	194,618	16·17	8,282	9	6	8,225	19	9½	...	0·68
November... ..	163,748	192,162	17·35	7,901	14	5	7,951	11	11	0·63	...
December... ..	164,789	223,971	35·91	8,103	15	8	8,897	18	3½	9·80	...
January	164,749	205,220	24·73	8,256	7	1½	8,051	13	4	...	2·47
February	163,426	200,977	22·98	8,179	1	3½	8,038	9	3	...	1·72
March	173,223	222,554	28·48	8,879	18	2	8,615	5	9	...	1·14
Totals for ten months ended 31st March, 1897	1,593,607	1,970,872	23·67	78,461	15	5	81,557	6	4	3·95	...
April	158,622	210,286	32·57	8,019	11	11½	8,158	5	7	1·72	...
May	155,507	192,718	23·93	7,876	0	3½	7,461	9	8½	...	5·27
Totals for twelve months ended 31st May, 1897 ..	1,907,736	2,373,876	24·43	94,357	7	8½	97,177	1	7½	2·99	...