

Table No. 16.

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 Open 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.											
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13		27,407	2,746	24,761	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21		70,952	15,331	55,621	483 3 2	6,045 2 4	3,934 3 4	2,443 2 11	6,377 6 3	3 9 10		
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31		98,485	26,244	72,241	3,770 4 8	12,840 14 9	8,017 14 7	2,541 4 11	10,558 19 6	3 7 1		
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45		156,167	50,097	106,070	6,672 0 3	18,324 3 10	9,489 17 10	5,406 7 3	14,896 5 1	4 17 4		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		185,423	62,878	122,545	13,430 11 9	31,951 2 1	14,266 12 7	8,547 4 9	22,813 17 4	6 8 6		
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72		312,874	59,292	253,582	12,252 6 0	29,470 7 4	16,417 7 4	14,120 4 10	30,537 12 2	8 9 11		
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81		411,767	67,243	344,524	9,876 17 6	32,296 6 2	21,254 4 3	11,344 3 8	32,598 7 11	5 19 6		From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93		568,960	83,453	485,507	11,043 3 9	39,164 13 9	23,593 9 9	8,858 19 7	32,452 9 4	4 2 3		
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105		752,899	107,832	645,067	11,105 2 0	50,786 0 9	27,040 18 10	9,479 5 4	36,520 4 2	4 1 11		
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127		917,128	130,891	786,237	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.
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142		1,051,086	160,704	890,382	13,679 10 9	68,981 3 0	45,814 11 4	14,240 19 7	60,055 10 11	4 16 4		
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155		1,124,442	172,159	952,283	16,154 6 0	78,869 16 4	61,696 14 5	21,074 8 8	82,771 3 1	5 18 10		
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182		1,260,324	194,843	1,065,481	17,024 8 9	82,669 4 0	63,353 10 10	17,931 8 0	81,284 18 10	5 12 11		From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195		1,448,943	246,961	1,201,982	19,148 12 4	92,432 14 2	69,340 1 8	18,259 4 9	87,599 6 5	5 10 0		
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214		1,008,409	183,675	824,734	26,949 2 2	112,351 2 4	79,502 0 5	17,299 7 10	96,801 8 3	5 0 9		
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227		1,304,712	246,370	1,058,342	19,797 6 3	77,827 9 6	68,651 10 10	14,758 4 5	83,409 15 3	4 3 4		
" 1882	3,844	9,653	234		1,438,772	222,923	1,215,849	27,021 3 8	100,023 5 8	78,224 1 8	23,154 8 3	101,378 9 11	6 6 7		
								22,737 16 4	101,566 16 0	69,165 5 0	18,292 13 4	87,457 18 4	4 17 4		