

Table No. 16—continued.

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—continued.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices		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.
			Open.	Number of Offices	Private, and Press.	Government.								
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	99,633 11 2	20,608 11 11	111,242 3 1	73,554 9	122,451 6 3	96,005 15 4	5 17 5	
" 1884	4,204	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	93,822 3 3	21,555 19 2	115,378 2 5	73,054 4	619,210 6 6	92,264 11 0	4 16 8	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	95,634 5 0	20,855 19 7	110,490 5 0	70,036 6	220,041 15 10	90,078 2 0	4 18 4	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	101,652 8 0	24,860 9 0	126,512 17 0	77,082 4	420,900 6 2	97,982 0 6	4 15 9	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,638 12 2	27,281 4 9	133,919 16 11	77,473 10	721,402 18 2	98,875 8 9	4 15 11	
" 1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,548 4 0	30,205 11 0	136,753 15 10	76,580 10	621,321 2 9	97,901 12 9	4 13 9	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,311 11 6	23,164 13 11	129,476 5 5	72,201 13	523,262 1 0	95,463 14 5	5 0 1	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,606 17 8	24,218 9 3	136,681 7 7	75,426 9	726,007 1 5	101,433 11 0	5 8 7	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633 15 9	26,070 12 7	136,767 10 3	86,845 1	1027,546 2 0	104,391 3 10	5 13 0	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813 8 6	24,342 7 0	142,474 1 4	85,658 4	1128,986 10 10	114,844 15 9	5 12 7	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465 15 9	28,317 7 10	149,783 3 7	92,109 17	329,580 10 11	117,053 4 2	5 8 0	

For the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to the 31st March, 1898.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue.		Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Remarks.
				Private, and Press.	Government.	Telegraph.	Telephone.		
31st March, 1895	5,961½	14,881½	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Cable subsidy, £ 6,492 11 8 " 4,774 5 5 " 3,972 8 1 " 1,849 2 9
" 1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	88,459 10 11	21,552 12 10	
" 1897	6,284½	16,470½	780	2,285,001	235,168	2,520,169	97,178 14 0	25,933 12 9	
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233	100,385 16 1	29,248 19 5	

NOTE.—Tariff, 1890: 1s. for ten words, and free address and signature up to ten words; delayed telegrams, 6d. 1892: For twelve words, and free address and signature, ordinary telegrams, 1s.; delayed, 6d. Later in 1892 the number of words in text and signature made eighteen. 1896: First twelve words, 6d.; each additional word, 1d.; address and signature paid for.