

(B.) ARTICLES upon which CONCESSIONS have been made in the POSTAL and TELEGRAPH SERVICE, &c.—continued.

Name of Article.	Former Rates.	Altered to
TELEGRAPH.		
1st February, 1892— Inland ordinary telegrams	1s. for first ten words; 1d. each additional word. Address and signature free up to ten words	1st Feb., 1892.—Maximum number of words in inland telegrams (with free address and signature up to six words) increased from ten to twelve in text for minimum rates; and on the 15th August, 1892, the number of words in text and signature made eighteen. 1st June, 1896.—Rates further reduced to 6d. for first twelve words, and 1d. for each additional word, address and signature being charged for. Delayed telegrams (half former rates for ordinary telegrams) abolished at same time.
CABLE TELEGRAMS.		
1st January, 1893— International	10s. 6d. per word	5s. 2d. per word.
Intercolonial	9s. 6d. first ten words; 1s. each additional word	3s. first ten words; 5d. each additional word.
Ditto, Press cable rate (New Zealand—Australian cable)	3d. per word	1d. per word.
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE (Connections).		
1st October, 1891	£10 and £9 per annum first year, and £8 the second; £7 second connections	1st Oct., 1891.—One uniform rate of £5 first half-mile,* £1 each subsequent mile or fraction of mile, with £1 entrance-fee. 1st April, 1897.—Rates raised at exchanges which give a continuous (all day and all night) service to £7 for business connections.†

The revenue conceded upon the same, £102,213.

* Private residences, one mile. † Ten shillings each additional quarter-mile after first half-mile for business connections, or one mile for private connections.

(C.) The TOTAL REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of the RAILWAY and POSTAL SERVICE in 1890, and the same in 1898.

Postal (not including Telegraph).

	£	s.	d.
1890-91—			
Revenue	223,542	9	7
Expenditure	158,205	10	8
1897-98—			
Revenue	272,162	19	9
Expenditure	197,355	6	11

(D.) The PERCENTAGE of REVENUE to EXPENDITURE for both Periods separately.

Percentage of revenue to expenditure—		
1890-91	...	141 per cent.
1897-98	...	138 per cent.
Percentage of expenditure to revenue—		
1890-91	...	71 per cent.
1897-98	...	72 per cent.

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