

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 Open.	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 Main-tenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.					
				Private, and Press.	Govern-ment.	Total.													
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	£ 90,633	11 2	20,608	11 11	£ 111,242	3 1	£ 73,554	9 122,451	6 3	£ 96,005	15 4	5 17 5	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822	3 3	21,555	19 2	115,378	5 5	73,054	4 619,210	6 6	92,264	11 0	4 16 8	
" 1884	4,264	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,634	5 5	20,855	19 7	116,490	5 0	70,036	6 220,041	15 10	90,078	2 0	4 18 4	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	101,652	8 0	24,860	9 0	126,512	17 0	77,082	4 420,900	6 2	97,982	10 6	4 15 9	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	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	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destina-tion.
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	4 0	30,205	11 10	136,753	15 10	76,580	10 021,321	2 9	97,901	12 9	4 13 9	
" 1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11 6	23,164	13 11	129,476	5 5	72,201	13 523,262	1 5	95,463	14 5	5 0 1	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18 4	24,218	9 3	130,681	7 7	75,426	9 726,007	1 5	101,433	11 0	5 8 7	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	17 8	26,070	12 7	136,767	10 3	76,845	1 1027,546	2 0	104,391	3 10	5 13 0	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	15 9	24,840	5 4	142,474	1 4	85,658	4 1128,986	10 10	114,644	15 9	5 12 7	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813	8 6	24,342	7 0	128,155	15 6	87,472	13 329,580	10 11	117,053	4 2	5 8 0	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	15 9	28,317	7 10	140,783	3 7	92,109	17 029,141	6 0	121,251	3 0	5 5 9	

For the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to the 31st March, 1901.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue (including Miscellaneous Receipts).		Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Total Expenditure (excluding Cable Subsidy).	Remarks.																						
				Private, and Press.	Government.	Total.	Telegraph.					Telephone.																					
31st March, 1895	5,961½	14,881½	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	£ 88,459	10 11	21,552	12 10	£ 136,062	11 2	£ 135,791	0 7	143,665	14 0	153,484	6 8	160,725	5 2½	105,198	13 5	170,794	19 5	173,152	16 6	181,634	11 3	194,014	12 11	Cable subsidy, 6,492	11 8	
" 1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	97,178	14 0½	25,933	12 9	148,955	18 8½	143,665	14 0	153,484	6 8	163,484	6 8	172,752	18 0	180,725	5 2½	105,198	13 5	170,794	19 5	173,152	16 6	181,634	11 3	"	5 5	
" 1897	6,284½	16,470½	780	2,285,001	235,168	2,520,169	100,385	16 1	29,248	19 5	152,752	18 0	153,484	6 8	163,484	6 8	172,752	18 0	180,725	5 2½	105,198	13 5	170,794	19 5	173,152	16 6	181,634	11 3	"	1,849	2 9		
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233	99,798	8 10½	36,422	6 8	136,767	10 3	76,845	1 10	104,391	3 10	5 13	0	152,752	18 0	180,725	5 2½	105,198	13 5	170,794	19 5	173,152	16 6	181,634	11 3	"	1,427	19 11
" 1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738	105,576	6 0	39,718	7 7	149,296	10 3	87,472	13 3	129,767	10 11	5 8	0	152,752	18 0	180,725	5 2½	105,198	13 5	170,794	19 5	173,152	16 6	181,634	11 3	"	1,608	7 1
" 1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631	119,641	11 6½	43,303	2 10	162,944	10 3	92,109	17 0	170,794	19 5	173,152	16 6	181,634	11 3	194,014	12 11	"	1,000	8 6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
" 1901	7,249½	20,682½	991	3,534,444	363,684	3,898,128	137,861	1 2½	49,117	0 8	196,984	10 3	92,109	17 0	170,794	19 5	173,152	16 6	181,634	11 3	194,014	12 11	"	1,000	8 6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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.