

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.
			Number Open.	Number Closed.	Private, and Press.	Government.	Total.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,579,189	90,633	11	2	20,608	11	73,554	9	122,451	6	96,005	15	4	5	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1883	4,974	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822	3	3	21,555	19	73,054	4	619,210	6	92,264	11	0	4	signature given in free.
" 1884	4,264	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,634	5	5	20,855	19	70,036	6	220,041	15	90,078	2	0	4	signature given in free.
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	101,652	8	0	24,860	9	77,082	4	420,900	6	97,982	10	6	4	signature given in free.
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638	12	2	27,281	4	77,473	10	721,402	18	98,875	8	9	4	signature given in free.
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	4	0	30,205	11	70,580	10	021,321	2	97,901	12	9	4	signature given in free.
" 1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11	6	23,164	13	72,201	13	523,262	1	95,463	14	5	0	signature given in free.
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18	4	24,218	9	75,426	9	726,007	1	101,433	11	0	5	signature given in free.
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	17	8	26,070	12	76,845	1	1027,546	2	104,391	3	10	5	signature given in free.
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	15	9	24,840	5	85,058	4	1128,586	10	114,644	15	9	5	signature given in free.
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813	8	6	24,342	7	87,472	13	329,580	10	117,053	4	2	5	signature given in free.
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	15	9	28,317	7	92,109	17	029,141	6	121,251	3	0	5	signature given in free.

For the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to the 31st March, 1902.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices	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.		£	s.	£	s.		
31st March, 1895	5,961	14,881	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	88,459	10	26,050	7	5	136,062	11	Cable subsidy, 6,492	11
" 1896	6,245	15,764	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	97,178	14	25,843	11	8	148,955	18	" 4,774	5
" 1897	6,284	16,470	780	2,285,001	235,168	2,520,169	100,385	16	23,118	2	6	152,752	18	" 3,972	8
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233	99,798	8	24,504	9	8	160,725	5	" 1,849	2
" 1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,158	243,190	2,960,348	105,576	6	25,500	5	10	170,794	19	" 1,427	19
" 1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631	119,641	11	29,431	19	0	192,376	13	" 1,608	7
" 1901	7,249	20,682	991	3,534,444	363,684	3,898,128	137,861	1	35,327	6	2	222,305	8	" 1,000	8
" 1902	7,469	21,705	1,038	3,850,391	317,590	4,167,981	151,933	19	27,507	17	6	234,984	2	" 234	15

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.