

Table No. 17.

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 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	Private, and Press.	Government.	Total.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	£.	s.	£.	s.	£.	s.	£.	s.	
30th June, 1866.	699	1,390	13		24,761	2,746	27,407	5,561	19	2	6,045	2	3,934	3	2,443	2	6,377	6	3	9	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21		55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070	10	1	12,840	14	8,017	14	2,541	4	10,558	19	6	3	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31		72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652	3	7	18,324	3	9,489	17	5,406	7	14,896	5	1	4	Mileage tariff.
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45		106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520	10	4	31,951	2	14,266	12	8,547	4	22,813	17	4	6	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56		122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	1	4	29,470	7	16,417	7	14,120	4	30,537	12	2	8	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.
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72		253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419	8	8	32,296	6	21,254	4	11,344	3	32,598	7	11	5	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81		344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	10	0	39,164	13	23,593	9	8,858	19	32,452	9	4	2	Mileage tariff.
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93		485,507	83,453	568,960	39,680	18	9	50,786	0	27,040	18	9,479	5	36,520	4	2	4	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105		645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508	18	10	59,127	10	38,801	19	15,021	17	53,823	17	3	6	Mileage tariff.
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127		786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301	12	3	68,981	3	45,814	11	14,240	19	60,055	10	11	4	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142		890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	10	4	78,869	16	61,696	14	21,074	8	82,771	3	1	5	Mileage tariff.
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155		952,283	172,159	1,124,442	65,644	15	3	82,669	4	63,353	10	17,931	8	81,284	18	10	5	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182		1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1	10	92,432	14	69,340	1	18,259	4	87,599	6	5	5	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195		1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	85,402	0	2	112,351	2	79,502	0	17,299	7	96,801	8	3	5	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214		824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120	3	3	77,827	9	68,651	10	14,758	4	83,409	15	3	4	Mileage tariff.
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227		1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002	2	0	100,023	5	78,224	1	23,154	8	101,378	9	11	6	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234		1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828	19	8	101,566	16	69,165	5	18,292	13	87,457	18	4	4	Mileage tariff.
" 1883	3,824	9,653	234		1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828	19	8	101,566	16	69,165	5	18,292	13	87,457	18	4	4	