

Table No. 18.

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 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 Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
				Private and Press.	Government.	Total.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.		
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	£	5,561	19	2	£	3,934	3	2,443	6	3	£ s. d.	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	£	9,070	10	1	£	8,017	14	2,541	19	6	3 7 1	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	£	11,652	3	7	£	9,489	17	5,406	5	1	4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	£	18,520	10	4	£	14,266	12	8,547	4	9	6 8 6	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform as 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	£	17,218	1	4	£	16,417	7	14,120	4	10	8 9 11	
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	£	22,419	8	8	£	21,254	4	11,344	3	8	5 19 6	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	£	28,121	10	0	£	23,593	9	8,858	7	7	4 2 3	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	£	39,680	18	9	£	27,040	18	9,479	5	4	4 1 11	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	£	46,508	18	10	£	38,801	19	15,021	17	11	6 3 11	
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	£	55,301	12	3	£	45,814	11	14,240	19	7	4 16 4	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	£	62,715	10	4	£	61,696	14	21,074	8	8	5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	£	65,644	15	3	£	63,353	10	17,931	8	0	5 12 11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	£	73,284	1	10	£	69,340	1	18,259	4	9	5 10 0	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	£	79,502	0	17,299	7	10	5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	£	58,120	3	3	£	68,651	10	14,758	4	5	4 3 4	
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	£	73,002	2	0	£	78,224	1	23,154	8	3	6 6 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	£	78,828	19	8	£	69,165	5	18,292	13	4	4 17 4	