

Table No. 17—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 Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.											
				Private and Press.	Government.		Total.	£		s.	d.					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	90,633	11	2	20,608	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	5	21,555	19	115,378	2	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	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	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	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 destination.
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	4	0	30,205	11	136,753	15	5	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	129,476	5	5	72,201	13	523,262	1	0	95,463	14	5	0	1	1	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,457	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18	4	24,218	9	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	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	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	64	24,342	7	128,155	15	64	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	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 31st March, 1908.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Cable subsidy, 6,492 11 8 " 4,774 5 8 " 3,972 8 1 " 1,849 2 9 " 1,427 19 11 " 1,668 7 1 " 1,000 8 6 " 234 15 0 " 181 10 0 " 10,057 11 7
" 1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	21,552	12	10	26,050	7	5	136,062	11	2	
" 1897	6,284½	16,470½	780	2,285,001	235,168	2,520,169	25,933	12	9	25,843	11	11	148,955	18	8½	
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233	29,248	19	5	23,118	2	6	152,752	18	0	
" 1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738	36,422	6	8	24,504	9	8	160,725	5	2½	
" 1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631	39,718	7	7	25,500	5	10	170,794	19	4	
" 1901	7,249½	20,682½	991	3,534,444	363,684	3,898,128	39,718	7	7	29,431	19	0	192,376	13	4½	
" 1902	7,469	21,705	1,038	3,850,391	317,590	4,167,981	43,303	2	10	35,357	6	2	222,305	8	04	
" 1903	7,748½	22,673½	1,103	4,271,218	288,086	4,559,304	49,117	0	8	27,597	17	6	234,984	2	2	
" 1904	7,779½	22,920½	1,153	4,671,904	293,293	4,965,197	55,542	9	2	26,440	2	10	248,934	19	4	
" 1905	7,943½	23,704	1,200	4,900,495	259,250	5,159,745	62,151	8	11	24,377	1	7	261,941	6	64	
" 1906	8,355	25,110	1,312	5,351,084	289,135	5,640,219	71,028	6	3	24,597	11	10	270,660	13	14	
" 1907	8,953	27,031	1,446	6,160,080	236,252	6,396,332	79,061	7	4	20,597	10	9	298,079	17	11	
" 1908	9,656	29,343	1,611	6,958,279	84,644	7,042,923	89,542	1	5	17,486	19	8	325,007	15	74	
							100,814	0	3	4,498	16	74	348,749	17	14	

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. 1906: For each additional word after first twelve ½d.