

Table No. 16.

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 Telegrams forwarded during the Year.			Number of Offices	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.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13		27,407		5,561	19 2	483	3 2	6,045	2 4	3,934	3 4	2,443	2 11	6,377	6 3	3 9 10		Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21		70,952		9,070	10 1	3,770	4 8	12,840	14 9	8,017	14 7	2,541	4 11	10,558	19 6	3 7 1		
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31		98,485		11,652	3 7	6,672	0 3	18,324	3 10	9,489	17 10	5,406	7 3	14,895	5 1	4 17 4		
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45		156,167		18,520	10 4	13,430	11 9	31,951	2 1	14,266	12 7	8,547	4 9	22,813	17 4	6 8 6		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.
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56		185,423		17,218	1 4	12,252	6 0	29,470	7 4	16,417	7 4	14,120	4 10	30,537	12 2	8 9 11		
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72		312,874		22,419	8 8	9,876	17 6	32,296	6 2	21,254	4 3	11,344	3 8	32,598	7 11	5 19 6		
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81		411,767		28,121	10 0	11,043	3 9	39,164	13 9	23,593	9 9	8,858	19 7	32,452	9 4	4 2 3		From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93		568,960		39,680	18 9	11,105	2 0	50,786	0 9	27,040	18 10	9,479	5 4	36,520	4 2	4 1 11		
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105		752,899		46,508	18 10	12,618	11 6	59,127	10 4	38,801	19 4	15,021	17 11	53,823	17 3	6 3 11		
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127		917,128		55,301	12 3	13,679	10 9	68,981	3 0	45,814	11 4	14,240	19 7	60,055	10 11	4 16 4		From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142		1,051,086		62,715	10 4	16,154	6 0	78,869	16 4	61,696	14 5	21,074	8 8	82,771	3 1	5 18 10		
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155		1,124,442		65,644	15 3	17,024	8 9	82,669	4 0	63,353	10 10	17,931	8 0	81,284	18 10	5 12 11		
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182		1,260,324		73,284	1 10	19,148	12 4	92,432	14 2	69,340	1 8	18,259	4 9	87,599	6 5	5 10 0		From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195		1,448,943		85,402	0 2	26,949	2 2	112,351	2 4	79,502	0 5	17,299	7 10	96,801	8 3	5 0 9		
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214		1,008,409		58,120	3 3	19,707	6 3	77,827	9 6	68,651	10 10	14,758	4 5	83,409	15 3	4 3 4		
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227		1,304,712		73,002	2 0	27,021	3 8	100,023	5 8	78,224	1 8	23,154	8 3	101,378	9 11	6 6 7		
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234		1,438,772		78,828	19 8	22,737	16 4	101,566	16 0	69,165	5 0	18,292	13 4	87,457	18 4	4 17 4		