

Table No. 15.

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.								
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	£ 483	£ 6,045	£ 3,934	£ 2,443	£ 6,377	£ 3	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	3,770	12,840	8,017	2,541	10,558	3	
1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	20,244	98,485	6,672	18,324	9,489	5,406	14,895	4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	13,430	31,921	14,266	7,847	22,813	4	
1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	12,252	29,470	16,417	14,120	30,537	4	
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	9,876	32,296	21,254	3,114	32,598	4	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	11,043	39,164	23,253	9,858	32,452	4	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869, unit-form as 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 1st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	11,105	50,786	27,040	9,479	36,520	4	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	12,618	59,127	38,801	15,021	53,823	4	
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	13,679	68,981	45,814	14,240	60,055	4	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	16,154	78,869	61,696	14,521	82,771	4	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	17,024	82,669	63,353	10,179	81,284	5	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	19,148	92,432	69,340	18,259	87,599	5	
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	26,949	112,331	79,502	5,179	96,801	5	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,075	1,008,409	19,707	77,827	68,551	10,144	83,409	5	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1881	3,758	9,597	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	27,021	100,023	78,224	8,235	101,378	5	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	22,737	101,566	69,165	5,182	87,457	4	
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	268,372	1,570,189	20,608	111,242	73,554	9,122	96,005	4	
" 1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	21,555	115,378	73,054	6,192	92,264	4	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1884	4,264	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	20,855	116,490	70,036	6,200	90,078	4	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	24,860	126,512	77,082	4,200	97,982	4	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	24,662	133,919	77,473	10,722	98,875	4	
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	30,205	136,733	76,580	10,021	97,901	4	
" 1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	23,164	129,470	72,201	13,523	95,463	4	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	24,218	130,681	75,426	9,726	101,433	5	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	26,070	136,767	76,845	10,275	104,391	5	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	24,840	142,474	85,558	11,288	114,044	5	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	24,342	128,155	87,472	13,329	117,053	5	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	28,317	140,783	92,109	17,029	121,251	5	