

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 Opened	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	£ s. d. 5,561 19 2	£ s. d. 6,045 2 4	£ s. d. 3,934 3 4	£ s. d. 2,443 2 11	£ s. d. 6,377 6 3	£ s. d. 3 3 9 10	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070 10 1	12,840 14 9	8,017 14 7	2,541 4 11	10,558 19 6	3 3 7 1	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652 3 7	18,324 3 10	9,489 17 10	5,406 7 3	14,831 5 1	4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520 10 4	31,951 2 1	14,266 12 7	8,547 4 9	22,811 17 4	6 8 6	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218 1 4	29,470 7 4	16,417 7 4	14,120 4 10	30,537 12 2	8 9 11	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1866; 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	32,206 6 2	21,254 4 3	11,344 3 8	32,558 7 11	5 19 6	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121 10 0	39,164 13 9	23,593 9 9	8,858 19 7	32,452 9 4	4 2 3	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	31,105 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	645,067	107,832	752,899	39,680 18 9	59,127 10 4	38,801 19 4	15,021 17 11	53,823 17 3	6 3 11	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	55,301 12 3	68,981 3 0	45,814 11 4	14,240 19 7	60,055 10 11	4 16 4	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	62,715 10 4	78,869 16 4	61,696 14 5	17,931 8 0	82,771 3 1	5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284 1 10	92,432 14 2	69,340 1 8	18,259 4 9	87,599 6 5	5 10 0	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	85,402 0 2	112,351 2 4	79,502 0 5	17,299 7 10	96,801 8 3	5 0 9	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1879	3,638	8,117	195	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	88,120 3 3	119,148 12 4	68,651 10 10	14,758 4 5	83,409 15 3	4 3 4	
31st March, 1880	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002 2 0	100,023 5 8	78,224 1 8	23,154 8 3	101,378 9 11	6 6 7	
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002 2 0	100,023 5 8	78,224 1 8	23,154 8 3	101,378 9 11	6 6 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,953	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828 19 8	101,566 16 0	69,105 5 0	18,292 13 4	87,457 18 4	4 17 4	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	90,633 11 2	111,242 3 1	73,554 9 1	22,451 6 3	96,005 15 4	5 17 5	
" 1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822 3 3	115,378 2 5	73,054 4 6	19,210 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	126,490 5 0	70,030 6 2	20,000 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	126,512 17 0	70,082 4 2	20,900 6 2	97,982 10 6	4 15 9	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638 12 2	133,919 16 11	77,473 10 7	21,402 18 2	98,875 8 9	4 15 11	
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548 4 0	136,753 15 10	76,580 10 6	21,321 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	129,476 5 5	72,201 13 5	23,262 1 0	95,463 14 5	5 0 1	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462 18 4	130,681 7 7	75,426 9 7	26,007 1 5	101,433 11 0	5 8 7	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696 17 8	136,767 10 3	76,845 1 10	27,546 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	142,474 1 4	85,658 4 1	28,986 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 6	128,155 15 6	87,472 13 3	29,580 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	140,783 3 7	92,109 17 0	29,141 6 0	121,251 3 0	5 5 9	