

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.		Total.	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.		£.	s.		d.	£.	s.	d.					£.	s.	d.			
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	5,561	19	2	483	3	2	3,934	3	4	2,443	2	11	£ s. d.	Mileage tariff.			
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070	10	1	3,770	4	8	8,017	14	7	2,541	4	11	6,377		6	3	3 9 10
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652	3	7	6,672	0	3	9,489	17	10	5,406	7	3	10,558		19	6	3 7 1
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520	10	4	13,430	11	9	14,266	12	7	8,547	4	9	14,895		5	1	4 17 4
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	1	4	12,252	6	0	16,417	7	4	14,120	4	10	22,813	17	4	6 8 6	
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419	8	8	9,876	17	6	29,470	2	0	9,479	5	4	30,537	12	2	8 9 11	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	10	0	11,043	3	9	23,593	9	9	8,858	19	7	32,598	7	11	5 19 6	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	39,680	18	9	11,105	2	0	27,040	18	10	9,479	5	4	32,452	9	4	4 2 3	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508	18	10	12,618	11	6	59,127	10	4	15,021	17	11	36,520	4	2	4 1 11	
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301	12	3	13,679	10	9	68,981	3	0	14,240	19	7	53,823	17	3	6 3 11	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	10	4	16,154	6	0	78,809	16	4	15,074	8	8	82,771	3	1	5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	65,644	15	3	17,024	8	9	82,669	4	2	17,931	8	0	81,284	18	10	5 12 11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1	10	19,148	12	4	94,432	14	2	18,259	4	9	87,599	6	5	5 10 0	
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	85,402	0	2	26,949	2	2	112,351	2	4	29,907	7	10	96,801	8	3	5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120	3	3	19,707	6	3	68,651	10	10	14,758	4	5	83,469	15	3	4 3 4	
" 1881	3,758	9,557	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002	2	0	27,021	3	8	77,827	9	6	15,378	2	5	101,378	9	11	6 6 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828	19	8	22,737	16	4	101,566	16	0	18,292	13	4	87,457	18	4	4 17 4	
" 1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	90,633	11	2	20,608	11	11	111,242	3	1	24,511	6	3	96,005	15	4	5 17 5	
" 1884	4,264	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	93,822	3	3	21,555	19	2	115,378	2	5	26,041	15	10	92,264	11	0	4 16 8	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	95,634	5	5	20,855	19	7	70,036	6	2	20,041	15	10	90,078	2	0	4 18 4	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	101,652	8	0	24,860	9	0	126,512	17	0	24,900	6	2	97,982	10	6	4 15 9	
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	4	0	27,281	4	9	133,919	16	11	21,402	18	2	98,875	8	9	4 15 11	
" 1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11	6	30,205	11	10	136,753	15	10	21,321	2	9	97,901	12	9	4 13 9	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18	4	24,218	9	3	129,476	5	10	23,262	1	0	95,463	14	5	5 0 1	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	17	8	24,218	9	3	130,681	7	7	26,007	1	5	101,433	11	0	5 8 7	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	15	9	26,070	12	7	136,767	10	4	27,546	2	0	104,391	3	10	5 13 0	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,979	1,904,143	103,813	8	6	24,840	5	7	142,474	1	4	28,986	10	10	114,644	15	9	5 12 7	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	15	9	24,342	7	0	128,155	15	6	32,950	10	11	117,053	4	2	5 8 0	
							112,465	15	9	28,317	7	10	149,753	3	7	39,141	6	0	121,251	3	0	5 5 9	