Table No. 21.

Table showing the Capital Cost, Working-expenses, and Revenue of the Telephone Exchanges, Year by Year, from the Date of their Establishment.

Year.	Number of Direct Connections.	Capital Cost for Instruments, Wire, Poles, Labour, Freight, Superintendence, &c. — Average Cost of each Connection.	Capital Cost — Total for all Connections.	Revenue.	Working-expenses. — Salaries and Allowances of Clerks, &c.	Working-expenses. — Materials and Linemen.	Working-expenses. — Interest on Capital and Wear-and-tear, &c.*	Working-expenses. — Rent, Fuel, Light, Paper, Printing, Binding, &c.	Working-expenses. — Total.	Balance of Revenue over Working-expenses.	Annual Rate per Cent. yielded on Capital Cost.
Total for the year ended 31st March,—		£ s. d.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1882	116	21 16 6	2,531	613	285	275	253	150	963	207	8·17
1883	379	21 16 6	8,271	5,014	595	595	827	300	2,317	4,492	54·31
1884	715	21 16 6	15,604	7,746	695	770	1,560	350	3,375	3,653	23·41
1885	1,075	21 18 6	23,461	10,008	1,770	1,590	2,346	475	6,181	3,827	16·31
1886	1,710	20 8 6	37,319	12,294	2,849	1,704	3,732	700	8,985	5,011	13·42
1887	2,038	19 19 5	40,686	15,477	2,873	1,580	4,069	320	8,842	6,635	16·30
1888	2,153	22 19 0	49,407	16,881	3,119	2,252	4,941	330	10,642	6,239	12·63
1889	2,249	23 18 10	53,849	17,613	3,316	2,249	5,344	335	11,244	6,368	11·82
1890	2,402	24 4 1	58,229	18,581	3,790	2,206	5,823	375	12,194	6,387	11·00
1891	2,587	24 17 1	64,294	19,961	4,192	2,249	6,429	395	13,265	6,695	10·43
1892	3,080	24 16 11	76,579	18,571	4,630	2,345	7,658	393	15,026	3,544	4·63
1893	3,690	24 16 11	91,687	19,155	7,405	2,696	9,169	464	19,734	−578	Loss.
1894	4,244	24 12 1	104,425	21,771	7,720	3,313	10,442	742	22,217	−446	Loss.
1895	4,616	25 6 3	116,845	21,552	9,285	4,253	11,685	818	26,041	−3,420	Loss.
1896	5,143	24 6 6	125,108	25,933	9,686	5,304	12,510	1,952	29,452	−3,519	Loss.
1897	5,747	23 7 4	134,299	29,248	12,306	7,398	13,430	1,857	34,991	−5,742	Loss.
1898	5,787	24 11 6	142,218	36,422	14,181	11,834	7,111	1,882	35,008	1,413	0·99
1899	6,203	24 5 3	150,490	39,718	15,030	16,190	7,525	1,861	40,606	−887	Loss.
1900	7,150	22 14 1	162,333	43,303	15,710	20,847	8,117	1,893	46,567	−3,264	Loss.
1901	8,210	21 9 7	176,349	49,117	16,304	18,226	8,817	2,001	45,348	3,768	2·14
1902	9,260	20 18 0	193,511	55,542	18,448	20,570	9,675	2,079	50,772	4,769	2·46
1903	10,633	20 2 6	213,966	62,151	20,885	22,078	10,698	2,615	56,276	5,874	2·75
1904	12,105	19 19 8	241,903	71,028	23,359	22,508	12,095	2,986	60,948	10,080	4·17
1905	14,423	21 19 7	295,029	79,061	25,122	26,782	14,751	4,448	71,103	7,958	2·69
1906	15,333	23 13 9	363,192	89,542	26,507	22,576	18,159	5,270	72,512	17,029	4·69
1907	17,403	24 2 2	420,088	100,814	32,914	26,145	21,004	6,163	86,226	14,587	3·47
1908	20,402†	24 18 4	508,408	116,852	38,108	36,813	25,420	6,902	107,243	9,608	1·89
1909	22,815†	25 18 9	591,760	131,249	47,224	32,995	29,588	7,265	117,072	14,176	2·40
1910	25,212†	27 2 7	683,986	144,298	52,315	28,755	34,199	7,741	123,010	21,287	3·11
1911	28,093	27 17 8	783,382	161,173	54,819	39,814	39,169	8,031	141,833	19,340	2·46
1912	31,475	27 18 0	878,133	179,123	62,588	33,791	43,907	8,725	149,011	30,112	3·43
1913	36,374	27 11 7	1,003,131	201,237	69,078	42,192	50,156	9,764	171,190	30,047	2·99
1914	41,982	29 11 6	1,241,628	232,190	80,720	53,823	62,081	11,744	208,368	23,822	1·92
1915	46,260	32 9 1	1,501,482	303,856‡	88,231	42,548	75,074	12,878	218,731	85,125	5·67
1916	50,308	33 2 7	1,666,561	287,547	104,950	62,682	83,328	13,429	264,389	23,158	1·40

* This column includes 5 per cent. for wear-and-tear and 5 per cent. for debenture capital, except in 1897–98 and following years, in which only 5 per cent. for debenture capital is included.
† In former returns extensions were included for these three years.
‡ Increase due to alterations in date of collecting half-yearly subscriptions, a proportion of which under the old system would have fallen into 1915–16 receipts.