

Table No. 14.

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		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.
			Open.	Closed.	Private and Press.	Government.	Total.							
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13		24,761	2,746	27,407	£ 5,561	s. 19	d. 2	£ 3,934	s. 4	d. 2	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21		55,621	15,331	70,952	9,970	10	1	8,917	14	7	Mileage tariff.
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31		72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652	3	7	9,489	17	10	Mileage tariff.
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45		106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520	10	4	14,266	12	7	Mileage tariff.
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56		122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	1	4	16,417	7	4	Mileage tariff.
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72		253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419	8	8	21,254	4	3	Mileage tariff.
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81		344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	0	0	23,593	9	9	Mileage tariff.
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93		485,507	83,453	568,960	39,680	18	9	27,040	18	10	Mileage tariff.
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105		645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508	18	10	38,801	19	4	Mileage tariff.
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127		786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301	12	3	45,814	11	4	Mileage tariff.
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142		890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	10	4	61,696	14	5	Mileage tariff.
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155		952,283	172,159	1,124,442	65,644	15	3	63,353	10	10	Mileage tariff.
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182		1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1	4	69,340	1	9	Mileage tariff.
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195		1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	85,402	0	2	79,502	0	5	Mileage tariff.
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214		824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120	3	3	68,551	10	8	Mileage tariff.
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227		1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002	2	8	78,224	1	3	Mileage tariff.
" 1882	3,824	9,953	234		1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828	19	8	69,165	5	4	Mileage tariff.
" 1883	3,974	9,848	264		1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	90,633	11	1	73,554	9	6	Mileage tariff.
" 1884	4,074	10,037	302		1,379,483	219,017	1,598,500	93,822	3	5	73,054	4	6	Mileage tariff.
" 1885	4,264	10,474	330		1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,934	5	7	70,036	6	2	Mileage tariff.
" 1886	4,463	10,931	375		1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	101,652	8	0	77,082	4	0	Mileage tariff.
" 1887	4,546	11,178	412		1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638	12	2	77,473	10	8	Mileage tariff.
" 1888	4,646	11,375	437		1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,948	4	0	70,580	10	2	Mileage tariff.
" 1889	4,790	11,617	473		1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11	6	72,201	13	5	Mileage tariff.
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520		1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18	4	75,426	9	7	Mileage tariff.
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573		1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	17	8	76,845	1	0	Mileage tariff.
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615		1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	15	9	85,058	4	11	Mileage tariff.
" 1893	5,513	13,515	640		1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813	8	6	87,472	13	2	Mileage tariff.
					1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	15	9	92,109	17	0	Mileage tariff.