

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 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.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.			
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	24,761	2,746	27,407	5,561	19 2	483 3	6,045	2 4	3,934 3	4 2,443 2	11	6,377 6	3 3 9 10	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070	10 1	3,770 4	12,840	14 9	8,017 14	7 2,541 4	11	10,558 19	6 3 7 1	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,052	3 7	6,672 0	18,324 3	10	9,489 17	10 5,406 7	3	14,895 5	1 4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520	10 4	13,430 11	31,951 2	1	14,266 12	7 8,547 4	9	22,813 17	4 6 8 6	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	1 4	12,252 6	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., 1869; uniform 2s. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1871	1,976	3,247	253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419	8 8	9,876 17	32,296 6	2	21,254 4	3 11,344 3	8	32,598 7	11 5 19 6	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	10 9	11,043 3	39,164 13	9	23,593 9	8 8,858 19	7	32,452 9	4 4 2 3	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	485,597	83,453	568,960	39,680	18 9	11,045 2	50,786 0	9	27,040 18	10 9,479 5	4	36,520 4	2 4 1 11	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	645,067	107,832	752,899	46,908	18 10	12,018 11	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	786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301	12 3	13,979 10	68,981 3	0	45,814 11	4 14,240 19	7	60,055 10	4 16 4	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	10 4	16,154 6	78,869 16	4	61,696 14	5 21,074 8	8	82,771 3	1 5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	65,644	15 3	17,024 8	82,669 4	0	63,353 10	10 17,931 8	0	81,284 18	10 5 12 11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1 10	19,148 12	92,432 14	2	69,340 0	8 8,259 4	9	87,599 6	5 5 10 0	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1879	3,512	8,117	1,201,982	246,901	1,448,883	85,402	0 2	26,949 2	112,351 2	4	79,502 0	5 17,299 7	10	96,801 8	3 5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120	3 8	19,707 6	77,827 9	6	68,651 10	10 14,758 4	5	83,409 15	3 4 3 4	
" 1881	3,758	9,587	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002	2 0	27,021 3	100,023 5	8	78,224 1	8 23,154 8	3	101,378 9	11 6 6 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828	19 8	22,737 16	101,566 16	0	69,165 5	5 0,182,292 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	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	90,633	11 2	20,608 11	111,348 3	1	73,554 9	1 22,451 6	3	96,005 15	4 5 17 5	
" 1883	4,074	10,037	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822	3 3	21,555 19	115,378 2	5	73,054 4	6 19,210 6	6	92,264 11	0 4 16 8	
" 1884	4,264	10,474	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,634	5 0	20,855 19	116,490 5	0	70,036 6	2 20,041 15	10	90,078 2	0 4 18 4	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	1,533,496	240,867	1,774,273	101,652	8 0	24,860 9	0 126,512 17	0	77,082 4	4 20,900 6	2	97,982 10	6 4 15 9	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1886	4,546	11,178	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638	12 2	27,281 4	0 133,919 16	11	77,473 10	7 21,402 18	2	98,875 8	9 4 15 11	
" 1887	4,646	11,375	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	4 9	30,205 11	136,753 15	10	76,580 10	0 21,321 2	9	97,901 12	9 4 13 9	
" 1888	4,790	11,617	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11 6	23,164 13	129,476 5	5	72,201 13	5 23,262 1	0	95,463 14	5 5 0 1	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18 4	24,218 9	130,681 7	7	75,426 9	7 26,007 1	5	101,433 11	5 8 7 0	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1890	5,148	12,812	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	17 8	26,070 12	136,767 10	4	76,845 1	10 27,546 2	0	104,391 3	10 5 13 0	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	15 9	24,840 5	142,474 1	4	85,658 4	11 28,986 10	10	114,644 15	9 5 12 7	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813	8 6	24,342 7	128,155 15	6	87,472 13	3 29,580 10	11	117,053 4	2 5 8 0	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	15 9	28,317 7	140,783 3	7	92,109 17	0 29,141 6	0	121,251 3	0 5 5 9	