

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; Calendar Years ended 31st December, 1882, to 31st December, 1893; and Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to 31st March, 1918.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	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.	Total.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	5,561	19	2	6,045	2	3,934	3	2,443	2	6,377	6	£	s.	Mileage tariff.
1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070	10	1	12,840	14	8,017	4	2,541	4	10,558	19	3	9	
1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,052	3	3	18,324	3	9,489	17	5,406	7	14,891	5	3	7	
1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520	10	4	31,951	2	14,266	12	7,847	4	22,813	17	4	8	
1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218	1	4	29,470	7	16,417	7	4,120	4	30,537	12	2	9	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform as 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	32,296	6	21,254	4	3,114	3	32,598	7	11	6	
1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121	10	0	39,104	13	23,593	9	8,858	19	32,452	9	4	2	
1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,597	83,453	568,960	39,680	18	9	59,786	0	27,040	18	9,479	5	36,520	4	4	1	
1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508	18	10	68,981	3	38,801	19	4,150	17	60,055	10	11	4	
1875	2,986	6,620	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301	12	3	82,669	4	45,814	11	4,142	19	82,771	3	1	5	
1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715	10	4	92,432	14	61,696	14	5,210	7	81,284	18	10	5	
1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	65,644	15	3	82,669	4	63,353	10	10,179	8	87,599	6	5	10	
1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284	1	10	112,331	2	69,340	1	8,182	9	96,801	8	3	5	
1879	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	85,402	0	2	112,331	2	79,502	0	5,172	7	83,409	15	3	4	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120	3	3	77,827	5	68,651	10	10,147	5	101,378	9	11	6	
1881	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002	2	0	100,023	8	78,224	1	8,231	8	87,457	18	4	4	
1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828	19	8	101,566	16	69,165	5	0,182	13	96,005	15	4	5	
1883	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	90,633	11	11	111,242	3	73,554	9	1,224	6	92,264	11	0	4	
1884	4,264	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822	3	3	115,378	2	73,054	4	6,192	6	90,078	2	0	4	
1885	4,463	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,634	5	5	110,490	5	70,030	6	2,204	15	97,901	12	9	4	
1886	4,546	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	101,652	8	0	126,512	17	77,082	4	4,201	9	98,875	8	9	15	
1887	4,646	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638	12	2	133,919	16	77,473	10	7,214	18	97,901	12	9	4	
1888	4,790	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	4	0	136,733	15	76,580	10	0,213	2	97,901	12	9	4	
1889	4,874	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311	11	6	129,476	5	72,201	13	5,232	26	95,463	14	5	0	
1890	5,148	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18	4	130,681	7	75,426	9	7,260	0	101,433	11	5	8	
1891	5,349	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696	17	8	136,767	10	76,845	4	11,275	54	104,391	3	10	5	
1892	5,479	13,235	573	1,740,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,033	15	9	142,474	1	85,658	1	12,898	10	114,644	15	9	12	
1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	124,465	15	9	140,783	3	92,109	17	0,291	16	121,251	3	0	5	