

Table No. 15.

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT DURING THE TEN-YEAR PERIODS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1866 AND 1876, THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1886, THE 31ST MARCH, 1896 1906, 1916; AND THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices open.	Number of Telegrams and Toll Messages forwarded during the Year.			Revenue (including Miscellaneous Receipts).		Value of Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Total Expenditure (excluding Cable Subsidy).
				Private and Press.	Government.	Total.	Telegraph.	Telephone.			
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	£ 5,562	£ ..	£ 483	£ 6,045	£ 6,377
„ 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,716	..	16,154	78,870	82,771
31st Dec., 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,639	..	27,281	133,920	98,875
31st Mar., 1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	97,178	25,933	25,844	148,955	143,665
„ 1906	8,355	25,116	1,312	5,351,084	289,135	5,640,219	184,369	89,542	24,168	298,079	276,580
„ 1916	13,684	48,052	2,413	10,708,910	127,841	10,836,751	549,627	287,547	9,085	846,259	658,572
„ 1919	13,813	50,742	2,354	11,989,882	101,135	12,091,017	615,786	373,169	5,036	993,991	879,497
„ 1920	13,721	50,751	2,339	14,957,615	116,452	15,074,067	619,188	419,318	5,830	1,044,336	1,078,961
„ 1921	13,724	51,643	2,338	13,884,466	116,385	14,000,851	704,228	533,535	7,036	1,244,799	1,369,780
„ 1922	13,767	52,176	2,327	12,782,037	152,428	12,934,465	697,864	614,367	8,458	1,320,689	1,314,068
„ 1923	11,912	48,616	2,307	13,342,823	170,385	13,513,208	713,380	595,967	9,727	1,319,074	1,117,726

NOTE.—Inland Telegram Tariff: Prior to the 1st September, 1869, inland telegrams were charged for on a mileage basis. From that date a uniform rate was fixed of 2s. 6d. for ten words, and 6d. for each additional five words. From the 1st April, 1870, the minimum charge was reduced to 1s. From the 1st November, 1873, the rate was further reduced to 1s. for ten words, and 1d. for each additional word, address and signature, hitherto charged for, being free up to ten words. From the 1st July, 1877, there was introduced the “urgent” code, at double the ordinary rate. From the 1st July, 1878, a “delayed” system was introduced, the rate being fixed at 6d. for ten words, exclusive of address and signature up to ten words, and ½d. for each additional word. From the 1st February, 1892, the number of words allowed for the minimum charge in each case was increased to twelve, with free address and signature up to six words. From the 15th August, 1892, the ordinary rate was fixed at 1s. for eighteen words, including address and signature. From the 1st June, 1896, the rate was fixed at 6d. for twelve words, including address and signature, and 1d. for each additional word; and “delayed” telegrams were abolished. From the 1st November, 1906, the charge for additional words was reduced to ½d. each. From the 23rd September, 1915, the ordinary rate was increased from 6d. to 8d. for twelve words (“urgent” 1s. 2d.); and on the 1st August, 1920, it was further increased to 1s. for twelve words, and 1d. for each additional word; (“urgent,” 2s., and 2d. for each additional word); Sundays and holidays, double rates. From the 1st November, 1920, there was introduced a system of night letter-telegrams, to be delivered by post on the morning following the day of presentation. The rate (since altered) was 1s. 6d. for thirty-six words and ½d. for each additional word. From the 1st February, 1923, the rate for ordinary telegrams was reduced to 9d. for twelve words, the charge for each additional word remaining at 1d. (“urgent” 1s. 6d., and 2d. for each additional word). From the same date the night letter-telegram rate was reduced to 9d. for twenty-seven words and 1d. for each additional three words.

Table No. 16.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER FORWARDED AND THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM TOLL CALLS AND PAID TELEGRAMS OF ALL CODES AND THE VALUE OF FRANKED GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS AT THE UNDERMENTIONED POSTAL DISTRICTS DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1923.

Postal District.	Revenue derived from Paid Telegrams of all Codes and Toll Calls.	Value of franked Government Telegrams.	Total Value of Telegrams of all Codes and Toll Calls.	Number of Paid Telegrams and Toll Calls.	Number of franked Government Telegrams.	Total Number of Telegrams of all Codes and Toll Calls.
	£	£	£			
Auckland	111,610	1,351	112,961	2,190,738	27,695	2,218,433
Blenheim	11,308	192	11,500	239,834	5,041	244,875
Christchurch .. .	74,830	1,112	75,942	1,302,938	20,693	1,323,631
Dunedin	54,746	729	55,475	980,398	15,014	995,412
Gisborne	21,564	312	21,876	336,082	4,420	340,502
Greymouth	16,027	470	16,497	269,560	9,427	278,987
Hamilton	51,728	305	52,033	1,140,001	9,801	1,149,802
Invercargill .. .	32,603	259	32,862	666,755	5,931	672,686
Napier	45,331	553	45,884	968,502	8,559	977,061
Nelson	13,699	348	14,047	273,585	9,031	282,616
New Plymouth ..	29,172	255	29,427	626,134	6,100	632,234
Oamaru	10,043	117	10,160	153,615	1,783	155,298
Thames	22,069	141	22,210	458,841	4,250	463,091
Timaru	21,913	261	22,174	406,206	5,491	411,697
Wanganui	34,658	223	34,881	661,685	5,018	666,703
Wellington	144,623	2,946	147,569	2,602,186	30,111	2,632,297
Westport	3,520	153	3,673	65,863	2,020	67,883
Totals, 1922-23 ..	699,444	9,727	709,171	13,342,823	170,385	13,513,208
Totals, 1921-22 ..	685,855	8,458	694,313	12,782,037	152,428	12,934,465