Table No. 10.

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE TELEGRAPH, TOLL, AND TELEPHONE-EXCHANGE SERVICES 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.	Telegraph and Toll.			Number of Telegrams and Toll Messages forwarded during the Year.							Revenue in respect of Telegraph, Toll, and Telephone-exchange Services.									
				Telegrams.							Telegraph.									
	Number of Miles of Pole-line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices opened.	Ordinary.	Urgent.	Press.	Inland Letter-tele-grams.	Govern-ment.	Total Number of Telegrams.	Total Number of Toll Messages.	Ordinary.	Urgent.	Press.	Inland Letter-tele-grams.	Govern-ment.	Miscel-laneous Telegraph Revenue.	Total Telegraph Revenue.	Toll Revenue.	Telephone Exchange Revenue.	Total Telegraph, Toll, and Telephone-exchange Revenue.
											£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	*24,761	..	..	..	2,476	27,237	..	*5,562	..	..	..	483	..	6,045	..	..	6,045
„ 1876	3,154	7,247	142	*890,382	..	..	..	160,704	1,051,086	..	*62,716	..	..	..	16,154	..	78,870	..	..	78,870
31st Dec., 1886	4,546	11,178	412	*†1,583,717	..	..	..	252,549	1,836,266	..	*†88,385	..	..	..	27,281	..	115,666	..	‡18,254	133,920
31st Mar., 1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	†1,553,232	59,038	198,108	..	224,579	2,034,957	89,254	†73,160	7,510	9,508	..	25,844	4,889	120,911	2,110	25,934	148,955
„ 1906	8,355	25,116	1,312	3,995,998	211,571	379,185	..	289,135	4,875,889	764,330	133,204	12,807	18,095	..	24,168	3,895	192,169	16,368	89,542	298,079
„ 1916	13,684	48,052	2,413	6,062,131	299,823	383,155	..	127,841	6,872,950	3,963,801	223,843	22,770	27,557	..	9,085	163,488	446,743	111,969	287,547	846,259
„ 1923	11,912	48,616	2,307	5,285,175	228,904	389,607	32,880	170,385	6,106,951	7,406,257	322,372	27,448	52,695	2,554	9,728	13,936	428,733	294,374	595,967	1,319,074
„ 1924	12,954	52,910	2,295	5,581,185	265,772	432,120	106,219	69,597	6,454,893	8,021,973	288,183	27,686	61,661	5,287	4,930	11,566	399,313	317,512	830,470	1,547,295
„ 1925	12,938	56,415	2,264	5,827,745	292,885	461,875	215,473	61,560	6,859,538	8,612,412	300,426	30,145	63,601	10,535	4,420	15,190	424,317	344,393	867,218	1,635,928
„ 1926	13,052	59,791	2,221	6,043,563	317,021	488,487	317,484	58,460	7,225,015	8,976,859	310,039	32,385	67,481	14,738	4,992	17,158	446,793	358,037	980,283	1,785,113
„ 1927	13,158	61,732	2,199	5,725,008	279,957	555,638	426,816	55,790	7,043,209	9,329,017	291,316	28,658	76,770	19,133	4,607	36,220	456,704	372,612	995,071	1,824,387

* Includes private, Press, and Provincial Government messages. † Includes "delayed" telegrams. ‡ Includes miscellaneous telegraph revenue.

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 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 letter-telegram rate was reduced to 9d. for twenty-seven words and 1d. for each additional three words.