

Table H.
COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT during the Financial Years ended 30th JUNE, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, and 1872.

YEAR ENDED.	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Stations Open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during Year.			Revenue derived from Private, Press, and Provincial Government Messages, and Incidental Receipts.	Value of General Government Messages.	Total Value of Business done during the Year.	Cost of Maintenance of Stations.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines.	Total Expenditure.	Cost of Maintenance of Lines per Mile.	Tariff in Operation.
			Private, Press, and Provincial Government.	General Government.	Total.								
30th June, 1866	699	13	24,761	2,476	27,237	£ s. d. 5,561 19 2	£ s. d. 483 3 2	£ s. d. 6,045 2 4	£ s. d. 3,934 3 4	£ s. d. 2,443 2 11	£ s. d. 6,377 6 3	£ s. d. 3 3 10	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070 10 1	3,770 4 8	12,840 14 9	8,017 14 7	2,541 4 11	10,558 19 6	3 7 1	"
" 1868	1,110	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652 3 7	6,672 0 3	18,324 3 10	9,489 17 10	5,406 7 3	14,896 5 1	4 17 4	"
" 1869	1,329	45	106,070	50,097	156,157	18,520 10 4	13,430 11 9	31,951 2 1	14,266 12 7	8,547 4 9	22,813 17 4	6 8 6	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform 2s. 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and present 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1870	1,661	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218 1 4	12,252 6 0	29,470 7 4	16,417 7 4	14,120 4 10	30,537 12 2	8 9 11	
" 1871	*1,976	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	22,419 8 8	9,876 17 6	32,296 6 2	21,254 4 3	11,344 3 8	32,598 7 11	5 19 6	
" 1872	+2,185	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	28,121 10 0	11,043 3 9	39,164 13 9	23,593 9 9	8,858 19 7	32,452 9 4	4 2 3	

● From this mileage 78 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance. † From this mileage 32 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.