

Table No. 17.

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, 1892.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Stations Open.	Number of Telegrams forwarded during the Year.		Revenue derived from Private and Money-order Telegrams, and Incidental Receipts.	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.	
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	£ 483 3 2	£ 6,045 2 4	£ 3,934 3 4	s. d. 3 4	£ 2,443 2 11	£ 6,377 6 3	£ 3 9 10	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	3,770 4 8	12,840 14 9	8,017 14 7	3 7 1	2,541 4 11	10,558 19 6	3 7 1	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	6,672 0 3	18,324 3 10	9,489 17 10	1 4 17 4	5,406 7 3	14,806 5 1	4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	13,430 11 9	31,951 2 1	14,266 12 7	4 9	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 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	12,252 6 0	29,470 7 4	16,417 7 4	4 10	14,120 4 10	30,537 12 2	8 9 11	
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	9,876 17 6	32,426 6 2	21,254 4 3	3 8	11,344 3 8	32,598 7 11	5 19 6	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	11,043 3 9	39,164 13 9	23,593 9 9	7	8,858 19 7	32,452 9 4	4 2 3	
" 1873	2,350	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	11,103 2 0	50,786 0 9	27,040 18 10	4	9,479 5 4	36,520 4 2	4 1 11	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	12,618 11 6	59,127 10 4	38,801 19 4	3 11	15,021 17 11	53,823 17 3	6 3 11	
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	13,679 10 9	68,981 3 0	45,814 11 4	4	14,240 19 7	60,955 10 11	4 16 4	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	16,154 6 0	78,869 10 4	61,690 14 5	8	21,074 8 8	82,771 3 1	5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	17,024 8 9	82,669 4 0	63,353 10 10	5	17,931 8 0	81,284 18 10	5 12 11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	19,148 12 4	92,432 14 2	69,340 1 8	9	18,259 4 9	87,599 6 5	5 10 0	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1879	3,512	8,117	195	1,201,982	246,961	1,448,943	26,949 2 2	112,351 2 4	79,502 0 5	5	17,299 7 10	96,801 8 3	5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	19,707 6 3	77,827 9 6	68,651 10 10	4	14,758 4 5	83,409 15 3	4 3 4	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	27,021 3 8	100,023 5 8	78,224 1 8	3	23,154 8 3	101,378 9 11	4 6 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	22,737 16 4	101,566 16 0	69,165 5 0	4	18,292 13 4	87,457 18 4	4 17 4	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,848	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	20,608 11 11	111,242 3 1	73,554 9 1	6	22,451 6 3	96,005 15 4	5 17 5	
" 1883	4,074	10,047	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	21,555 19 2	115,378 2 5	73,054 4 6	6	19,210 6 6	92,264 11 0	4 16 8	
" 1884	4,264	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	20,856 9 7	116,490 5 0	70,036 6 2	4	20,041 15 10	99,078 2 0	4 15 9	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	24,860 9 0	126,512 17 0	77,082 4 4	2	20,900 6 2	97,982 10 6	4 15 9	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	27,281 4 9	133,919 16 11	77,473 10 7	21	21,402 18 2	98,875 8 9	4 15 11	
" 1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	30,205 11 0	136,753 15 10	76,580 10 0	2	21,321 2 9	97,901 12 9	4 13 9	
" 1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	23,164 13 11	129,476 5 5	72,201 13 5	0	23,262 1 0	95,463 14 5	5 0 1	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	24,218 9 3	130,681 7 7	75,426 9 7	5	26,007 1 5	101,433 11 0	5 8 7	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	26,070 12 7	136,767 10 3	76,845 1 10	2	27,546 2 0	104,391 3 10	5 13 0	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	24,840 5 7	142,474 1 4	85,658 4 11	10	28,986 10 10	114,644 15 9	5 12 7	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	24,342 7 0	128,155 15 6	87,472 13 3	3	29,580 10 11	117,053 4 2	5 8 0	

* The cost of maintenance per mile is calculated upon the number of miles of line open (after deducting "dismantled") at the close of each previous year.