

Table No. 17—continued.

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, 1893—continued.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices		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.	
			Open.	Number of Offices	Private, and Press.	Government.		Total.	£		s.	d.					£
31st Dec., 1882	3,974	9,948	264	1,361,817	208,372	1,570,189	90,633	11	111,242	3	1	73,554	9	122,451	6	3	From 1st November 1873, address and signature given in free.
1883	4,074	10,037	302	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822	3	21,555	19	2	73,054	4	619,210	6	6	
1884	4,264	10,474	330	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,634	5	20,855	19	7	70,036	6	220,041	15	10	
1885	4,463	10,931	375	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	101,652	8	24,860	9	0	77,082	4	420,900	6	2	
1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638	12	27,281	4	9	77,473	10	721,402	18	2	
1887	4,646	11,375	437	1,589,771	245,623	1,835,394	106,548	4	30,205	11	10	76,580	10	021,321	2	9	From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
1888	4,790	11,617	473	1,548,233	217,630	1,795,863	106,311	11	23,464	13	11	72,201	13	523,262	1	0	
1889	4,874	11,827	489	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462	18	24,218	9	3	75,426	9	726,007	1	5	
1890	5,148	12,812	520	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,666	17	26,970	12	7	76,845	1	1027,546	2	0	
1891	5,349	13,235	573	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633	15	24,840	5	7	85,658	4	1128,986	10	10	
1892	5,479	13,459	615	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813	8	128,155	15	63	87,472	13	329,580	10	11	
1893	5,513	13,515	640	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465	15	28,317	7	10	92,109	17	029,141	6	0	

From 1st November 1873, address and signature given in free.

From 1st Jan., 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.

For the Financial Years ended 31st March, 1895, to the 31st March, 1903.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices	Number of Telegrams 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).		Remarks.
				Private, and Press.	Government.	Telegraph.	Telephone.			£	s.	
31st March, 1895	5,961	14,881	705	1,802,182	231,618	2,033,800	88,459	10	21,552	12	136,062	Cable subsidy, 6,492
" 1896	6,245	15,764	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	97,178	14	25,933	11	143,665	" 4,774
" 1897	6,284	16,470	780	2,285,001	235,168	2,520,169	100,385	16	29,248	19	152,752	" 3,972
" 1898	6,484	18,024	824	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233	99,798	8	36,422	6	160,725	" 1,849
" 1899	6,736	18,746	878	2,717,548	243,190	2,960,738	105,576	6	39,718	7	170,794	" 1,427
" 1900	6,910	19,228	915	3,159,093	310,538	3,469,631	119,641	11	43,303	2	192,376	" 1,608
" 1901	7,249	20,682	991	3,534,444	363,684	3,898,128	137,861	1	49,117	0	222,305	" 1,000
" 1902	7,469	21,705	1,038	3,850,391	377,590	4,227,981	151,933	19	55,542	4	234,984	" 234
" 1903	7,748	22,672	1,103	4,271,218	288,086	4,559,304	160,343	7	62,151	8	248,934	" 181

NOTE.—Tariff, 1890: 1s. for ten words, and free address and signature up to ten words; delayed telegrams, 6d. 1892: For twelve words, and free address and signature, ordinary telegrams, 1s.; delayed, 6d. Later in 1892 the number of words in text and signature made eighteen. 1896: First twelve words, 6d.; each additional word, 1d.; address and signature paid for.