

Table No. 16.

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.

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.
				Private and Press.	Government.								
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	£ 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 9 10	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	21	55,621	15,331	70,952	£ s. d. 3,770 4 8	£ s. d. 12,840 14 9	£ s. d. 8,017 14 7	£ s. d. 2,541 4 11	£ s. d. 10,558 19 6	£ s. d. 3 7 1	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	31	72,241	26,244	98,485	£ s. d. 6,672 0 3	£ s. d. 18,324 3 10	£ s. d. 9,489 17 10	£ s. d. 5,406 7 3	£ s. d. 14,896 5 1	£ s. d. 4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	45	106,070	50,097	156,167	£ s. d. 13,430 11 9	£ s. d. 31,951 2 1	£ s. d. 14,266 12 7	£ s. d. 8,547 4 9	£ s. d. 22,813 17 4	£ s. d. 6 8 6	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	56	122,545	62,878	185,423	£ s. d. 12,252 6 0	£ s. d. 29,470 7 4	£ s. d. 16,417 7 4	£ s. d. 14,120 4 10	£ s. d. 30,537 12 2	£ s. d. 8 9 11	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform 8d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1871	1,976	3,247	72	253,582	59,292	312,874	£ s. d. 9,876 17 6	£ s. d. 32,296 6 2	£ s. d. 21,254 4 3	£ s. d. 11,344 3 8	£ s. d. 32,598 7 11	£ s. d. 5 19 6	
" 1872	2,185	3,823	81	344,524	67,243	411,767	£ s. d. 11,043 3 9	£ s. d. 39,164 13 9	£ s. d. 23,593 9 9	£ s. d. 8,858 19 7	£ s. d. 32,452 9 4	£ s. d. 4 2 3	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	93	485,507	83,453	568,960	£ s. d. 11,105 2 0	£ s. d. 50,786 0 9	£ s. d. 27,040 18 10	£ s. d. 9,479 5 4	£ s. d. 36,520 4 2	£ s. d. 4 1 11	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	105	645,067	107,832	752,899	£ s. d. 12,618 11 6	£ s. d. 59,127 10 4	£ s. d. 38,801 19 4	£ s. d. 15,021 17 11	£ s. d. 53,823 17 3	£ s. d. 6 3 11	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1875	2,986	6,626	127	786,237	130,891	917,128	£ s. d. 13,679 10 9	£ s. d. 68,981 3 0	£ s. d. 45,814 11 4	£ s. d. 14,240 19 7	£ s. d. 60,055 10 11	£ s. d. 4 16 4	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	£ s. d. 16,154 6 0	£ s. d. 78,869 16 4	£ s. d. 61,696 14 5	£ s. d. 21,074 8 8	£ s. d. 82,771 3 1	£ s. d. 5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	155	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	£ s. d. 17,024 8 9	£ s. d. 82,669 4 0	£ s. d. 63,353 10 10	£ s. d. 17,931 8 0	£ s. d. 81,284 18 10	£ s. d. 5 12 11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	182	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	£ s. d. 19,148 12 4	£ s. d. 92,432 14 2	£ s. d. 69,340 1 8	£ s. d. 18,259 4 9	£ s. d. 87,599 6 5	£ s. d. 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	£ s. d. 26,949 2 2	£ s. d. 112,351 2 4	£ s. d. 79,502 0 5	£ s. d. 17,299 7 10	£ s. d. 96,801 8 3	£ s. d. 5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	214	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	£ s. d. 19,707 6 3	£ s. d. 77,827 9 6	£ s. d. 68,651 10 10	£ s. d. 14,758 4 5	£ s. d. 83,409 15 3	£ s. d. 4 3 4	
" 1881	3,758	9,587	227	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	£ s. d. 27,021 3 8	£ s. d. 100,023 5 8	£ s. d. 78,224 1 8	£ s. d. 23,154 8 3	£ s. d. 101,378 9 11	£ s. d. 6 6 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	234	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	£ s. d. 22,737 16 4	£ s. d. 101,566 16 0	£ s. d. 69,165 5 0	£ s. d. 18,292 13 4	£ s. d. 87,457 18 4	£ s. d. 4 17 4	