

Table No. 14.

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 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.					£	s. d.			
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	24,761	2,746	27,407	£ 5,561 19 2	£ 483 3 2	£ 6,045 2 4	£ 3,934 3 4	s. d. 2 11	£ 6,377 6 3	£ s. d. 3 9 10	Mileage tariff.
" 1867	757	1,498	55,621	15,331	70,952	9,070 10 1	3,770 4 8	12,840 14 9	8,017 14 7	2 11 4 11	10,558 19 6	3 7 1	
" 1868	1,110	2,223	72,241	26,244	98,485	11,652 3 7	6,672 0 3	18,324 3 10	9,489 17 10	5 4 06 7 3	14,891 5 1	4 17 4	
" 1869	1,329	2,495	106,070	50,097	156,167	18,520 10 4	13,430 11 9	31,951 2 1	14,266 12 7	8 5 47 4 9	22,811 17 4	6 8 6	
" 1870	1,661	2,897	122,545	62,878	185,423	17,218 1 4	12,252 6 0	29,470 7 4	16,417 7 4	11 14,120 4 10	30,537 12 2	8 9 11	Mileage tariff in operation up to 1st Sept., 1869; uniform as 6d. tariff from 1st Sept., 1869, to 31st March, 1870; and 1s. tariff from 1st April, 1870.
" 1871	1,976	3,247	253,582	50,202	312,784	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	3,823	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	
" 1873	2,356	4,574	485,507	83,453	568,960	39,680 18 9	11,105 2 0	50,786 0 9	27,040 18 10	9 479 5 4	36,520 4 2	4 1 11	
" 1874	2,530	5,782	645,067	107,832	752,899	46,508 18 10	12,618 11 6	59,127 10 4	38,801 19 4	15 021 17 11	53,823 17 3	6 3 11	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1875	2,986	6,626	786,237	130,891	917,128	55,301 12 3	13,679 10 9	68,981 3 0	45,814 11 4	14 240 19 7	60,055 10 11	4 16 4	
" 1876	3,154	7,247	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,715 10 4	16,154 6 0	78,869 16 4	61,696 14 5	12 074 8 8	82,771 3 1	5 18 10	
" 1877	3,259	7,423	952,283	172,159	1,124,442	65,644 15 3	17,024 8 9	82,669 4 0	63,353 10 10	17 931 8 0	81,284 18 10	5 12 11	
" 1878	3,434	8,035	1,065,481	194,843	1,260,324	73,284 1 10	19,148 12 4	92,432 14 2	69,340 1 8	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	1,201,982	246,901	1,448,943	85,402 0 2	26,949 2 2	112,351 2 4	79,502 0 5	17 299 7 10	96,801 8 3	5 0 9	
31st March, 1880	3,638	9,333	824,734	183,675	1,008,409	58,120 3 0	19,707 6 3	77,827 9 6	68,651 10 10	14 758 4 5	83,409 15 3	4 3 4	
" 1881	3,758	9,587	1,058,342	246,370	1,304,712	73,002 2 0	27,021 3 8	100,023 5 8	78,224 1 8	23 154 8 3	101,378 9 11	6 6 7	
" 1882	3,824	9,653	1,215,849	222,923	1,438,772	78,828 19 8	22,737 16 4	101,566 16 0	69,165 5 0	18 292 13 4	87,457 18 4	4 17 4	From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free.
" 1883	4,074	10,037	1,379,483	219,917	1,599,400	93,822 3 3	21,555 19 2	115,378 2 5	73,554 9 1	22 451 6 3	96,005 15 4	5 17 5	
" 1884	4,204	10,474	1,433,458	220,847	1,654,305	95,634 5 5	20,855 19 7	116,490 5 0	73,054 4 6	19 210 6 6	92,264 11 0	4 16 8	
" 1885	4,463	10,931	1,533,406	240,867	1,774,273	101,652 8 0	24,860 9 0	126,512 17 0	77,032 6 2	20 041 15 10	90,078 2 0	4 18 4	
" 1886	4,546	11,178	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,638 12 2	27,281 4 9	133,919 16 11	77,473 10 7	4 200 6 2	97,982 10 6	4 15 9	From 1st January, 1886, delayed telegrams posted to addressees immediately after their receipt at offices of destination.
" 1887	4,646	11,375	1,589,771	245,023	1,835,394	106,548 4 0	30,205 11 10	136,753 15 10	76,580 10 0	21 321 2 9	97,901 12 9	4 13 9	
" 1888	4,790	11,617	1,548,233	217,630	1,765,863	106,311 11 6	23,164 13 11	129,476 5 5	72,201 13 5	5 23 262 1 0	95,463 14 5	5 0 1	
" 1889	4,874	11,827	1,589,157	213,830	1,802,987	106,462 18 4	24,218 9 3	130,681 7 7	75,426 9 7	26 007 1 5	101,433 11 0	5 8 7	
" 1890	5,148	12,812	1,734,381	226,780	1,961,161	110,696 17 8	26,070 12 7	136,767 10 3	76,845 1 10	27 546 2 0	104,391 3 10	5 13 0	
" 1891	5,349	13,235	1,746,115	222,149	1,968,264	117,633 15 9	24,840 5 7	142,474 1 4	85,658 4 11	28 986 10 10	114,644 15 9	5 12 7	
" 1892	5,479	13,459	1,686,064	218,079	1,904,143	103,813 8 6	24,342 7 0	128,155 15 6	87,472 13 3	329 580 10 11	117,053 4 2	5 8 0	
" 1893	5,513	13,515	1,825,646	244,045	2,069,691	112,465 15 9	28,317 7 10	140,783 3 7	92,109 17 0	0 29 141 6 0	121,251 3 0	5 5 9	