FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

WORKING AND PROGRESS

OF THE

NEW ZEALAND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY COMMAND OF HIS EXCELLENCY.

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TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT, NEW ZEALAND.

General Post Office,

Wellington, 1st July, 1869. SIR. I have the honor to submit for the information of your Excellency the Fifth Annual Report on the Telegraph Service of the Colony, for the year ended 30th June, 1869.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient Servant, Julius Vogel,

Telegraph Commissioner.

His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, K.M.G., Governor of New Zealand.

New Zealand Telegraph,

Wellington, 1st July 1869.

SIR,-I have the honor to submit the following Report on the progress and condition of the Telegraph Department during the financial year ending 30th June, 1869.

Extension of Lines.

During the past year the lines that were in course of construction at the close of the financial year 1867-8 have been completed. They are as follows:-

Greymouth and Westport.

This line was erected at the instance of the Provincial Government of Nelson, which has guaranteed six per cent. on the total cost of construction, as well as any deficiency which may hereafter exist between the receipts of the line and the actual cost of working and maintaining it. On its completion, stations were opened at Brighton, Charleston, and Westport. The line consists of a single wire, and is a continuation of the Hokitika and Greymouth line. Its total length is sixtyseven miles, and it has been constructed at a cost of £7,002 17s., being at the rate of £104 10s. 8d. per mile. Full particulars of this expenditure will be found in Appendix F.

It has been the most expensive line yet constructed, owing to the large amount of bush-clearing that had to be effected; the high rate of wages (12s. per diem); the almost incessant wet weather during the progress of the works; and the numerous other difficulties which had to be overcome during the course of construction. These difficulties were not unforeseen, and the estimated cost of the line by the Provincial Government of Nelson (£7,000) has only been exceeded by the sum of £2 17s. Since the line has been opened, it has added largely to the revenue of the Department. Appendix H. will show the extent to which it has been made use of by the public at Brighton, Charleston, and Westport, and also the position in which this Department stands to the Provincial Government of Nelson in pursuance of the guarantee above mentioned. As a general description of the line, and the difficulties which its construction presented, may not be uninteresting, I add an extract from the

report of Mr. Aitken, to whom the superintendence of this difficult work was intrusted:

"The cost of erection is very large, but the sinking throughout was much worse than I ever cipated. A large proportion of the holes were in rock or cement, and the weather during the progress of the work was, for three-fourths of the time, of the worst description for such work. whole of the poles are down at least five feet, and the large sized and angled ones are down from six to ten feet. On portions of the line, from fifteen to twenty-four miles from Greymouth, the poles are set up in very bad swamps, in which holes could not be sunk, and which could not be avoided except by erecting the line much too close to the sea to be safe. The surface of the swamps was not so bad, but when broken, poles dropped down by their own weight from five to seven feet, at that depth reaching a solid bottom. All the poles in those swamps have been rendered thoroughly stable by driving pointed stakes from seven to ten feet in length into the solid bottom closely around the pole, and making good the surface with shingle carried for that purpose.

"The poles are full-sized, and of good sound timber-white pine and birch, and other woods, the

durability of which was doubtful, having been carefully excluded.

"The clearing, done by contract, cost £20 14s. 11d. per mile, and was from ten to thirty-three feet wide, and I found it necessary to make a further expenditure of £8 7s. 7d. per mile to give the line that degree of safety and stability which I considered indispensable. All trees of a doubtful character have been taken down, and the clearing through the heavy timber, as the line now stands, varies from three-fourths of a chain to two and a half chains in width, according to the nature of the timber through which the line passes. The contract prices for clearing and supplying the poles would have paid the contractors had the weather been good, but the weather they have had to do the work in was such that they lost considerably by it. The contractors for No. 2 section had to pay for a large

proportion of the clearing £38 to £44 per mile, for which they only received £30 per mile.

"The large price of the work in connection with wiring the line is attributable to the roughness of the country, the bad weather, and the great price of packing and other work having to be done by horses; but the work is well and faithfully done, and will compare favourably with any other work of the kind.

"The length of time occupied in constructing the line was owing partly to the rough nature of the country through which large portions of the line passed, but principally to the fearfully bad weather experienced while the work was going on. The men were kept at work during a great portion of the time—wet from morning till night—and several times I thought I would be under the necessity of stopping the work altogether, and waiting for a change in the weather, the men were suffering so much, and so very little work was being done. During the intervals of good weather, the bush was still wet and the ground so thoroughly saturated, and in many places covered with water, that even then the work was carried on under considerable difficulties. Under those circumstances, less work was done in the time than otherwise would have been, and the cost of the whole work was considerably increased, especially in the items of erection and wiring.

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"While I have endeavoured to keep the expenditure as low as possible, I have not left anything undone (within reasonable limits) that would tend to secure and increase the stability and permanence of the line, and I feel satisfied that the experience of the future will show that any extra expenditure

made by me for that purpose has not been incurred uselessly."

Blenheim and Woodend.

In my last report I mentioned that this important line was then in course of reconstruction, owing to the poles originally placed on the line being of so inferior a description of timber as to require their renewal throughout its entire length. The work has been carried out by Mr. Walter Blake, and was completed in December last. It has been well performed, and the interruptions to the working of the telegraph, caused by removing the wires from the old to the new poles, have been as few as could

reasonably have been expected, when the rotten state of the whole line is borne in mind.

The length of the reconstructed line is 194 miles, and it has been completed (including the shifting of the two original wires from the old to the new poles, and the addition of a third wire) at an aggregate cost, including all material and labour (see Appendix F.), of £10,743 19s. 9d., being at the rate of £55 7s. 7d. per mile. The portion of the old line south of the Hurunui cost originally £63 0s. 7d. per mile, and that to the north of the Hurunui, £56 6s. per mile; the new line has cost, therefore, less than these two portions by £8 and £3 per mile respectively. Nothing but heart of totara has been used for poles, and from the care that has been taken in selecting the timber, I do not anticipate any trouble from its decay for at least ten or fifteen years, if not longer. The wire shifted from the old poles may in a few years require renewing in some places where it runs along the sea-beach, but this can be done, when required, at a small expense, and without interruption to the working of the line. This large expenditure (£10,743 19s. 9d.) might, to a certain extent, have been avoided had totara poles been used when the line was first constructed. Where timber has to be supplied from a distance, in my opinion nothing should be used for telegraph poles but totara, which, according to my own experience and that of old settlers, is better adapted for this purpose than any other New Zealand timber. There are, I believe, one or two kinds of wood of quite as lasting a nature as totara, but from their stunted growth or great weight they are practically not available. In Appendix F. the cost of the reconstructed line is given in detail, and Appendix G. shows, including this outlay and that made on the Westport line, that the total permanent cost of the lines of electric telegraph throughout the Middle Island amounts, up to the present time, to £65,288 3s. 10d.

LINES IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Wellington to Wanganui.

The estimated length of this line is 120 miles, and it will consist of a single wire throughout. The general route chosen for its construction after leaving the Hutt line, with the exception of such diversions as the permanent safety of the line may require, is from Kaiwarra-warra to Johnsonville, and

from thence alongside the coach road to Wanganui, via Tutaenui and Turakina.

The progress of this line has been retarded to some extent by the unwillingness of certain Natives to allow it to pass over their land. This obstruction will, I hope, be shortly removed, and I expect within three months afterwards to have telegraphic communication established with Wanganui. Contracts have been let for the supply and delivery of poles for over eighty miles (more than half the whole distance), and tenders are about to be received for that portion of the line lying between Waikanae and the Rangitikei River.

Taupo Line.

The progress of this line has been delayed by the Native troubles of the past twelve months; it has, however, been carried nearly forty miles to the north of Napier, and an office has already been

opened at Titiokura, about thirty miles from Napier.

The general route followed by the line after leaving the Western Spit, Napier, is up the Petone Valley to Mohaka Church, and from thence to Titiokura. From Titiokura it is intended to carry the line to Tauranga, viā Turanga—Kumu, Runanga, Opepe, Tapuaeharura, Oruanui, Orakekorako, Rotoiti, and Maketu. As the line in some places will pass through patches of bush, it is intended, where practicable, to fix the insulators to the standing timber, and to clear the undergrowth from its immediate vicinity. Totara, for poles, is pretty plentiful in places on the line above described, with the exception of that portion near Tauranga, for which either totara poles will have to be brought by sea, or puriri will have to be used. The route for the line beyond Tauranga has not yet been explored, but I am given to understand that no serious physical obstacles exist in the way of the further extension

of the telegraph wires to Auckland viá the Thames. The objections of some of the Maori tribes will, however, have to be removed.

If the political difficulties in the way of the rapid construction of this line be soon overcome, we shall be able to reach Auckland, by way of Tauranga and the Thames, by June, 1870. If, however, the line could be carried from Oruanui along the old mail track to Cambridge (the most southern station on the Auckland and Waikato line), there would be nothing to prevent telegraphic communication being open between Wellington and Auckland by January, 1870. The whole of the wire and insulators required have been in the Colony for some time.

Hamilton to Cambridge—(Auckland and Waikato Line).

Totara poles are now being erected on this line, and as soon as this work is completed it is intended to dismantle the line from Newcastle to Alexandra, viâ Whatta Whatta, and to maintain communication with Alexandria viâ Cambridge. It is not contemplated to permanently reconstruct the line between Cambridge and Alexandra, which, as a source of revenue, is entirely useless. As it is desirable, however, for political reasons, that this means of communication should still be kept open, such repairs from time to time will be effected as are found indispensable for this purpose.

Maintenance and Repairs of Lines.

Bluff to Balclutha.

This section of the line, during the coming year, will require reconstruction in some parts. It is not, however, anticipated that, beyond placing a Lineman at Balclutha, and (during the summer months) getting an experienced Lineman, with two or three assistants, to overhaul such portions of the line as may require repair, much expense will be incurred. The poles now standing will be made use of again by being lowered, and only new ones will be used where it is absolutely necessary.

Balclutha to Waitaki.

This section, during the past year, has been to a certain extent repaired and overhauled, more particularly that portion between Oamaru and Dunedin. The line in some places has been straightened, and many bad angles have been cut out.

During the next summer that portion of the line lying between Oamaru and the Waitaki River will require looking to, and where the present poles are not fit to be used again, new poles of heart of totara will replace them: a stack of poles has been already placed at Oamaru for that purpose and for future repairs. The line between Dunedin and Balclutha will require closer looking to, as the poles in some parts are in a very bad condition, and having been already once lowered they will not be available again. It is intended for the future, where new poles have to be erected, not to make use of any other timber than totara, unless the line actually passes through bush, and then only under special circumstances will the timber on the spot be made use of.

Waitaki and Christchurch.

As very troublesome interruptions on this section have been caused at various times through heavy floods in the large rivers which the line has to cross in this section, and which could not possibly be avoided, some special measures became necessary to protect the line against this source of danger. After much consideration it was determined, as the most effective and economical plan, to drive heavy iron-bark piles to such a depth into the beds of these rivers as to render them perfectly safe from disturbance by floods, and then to fix to the upper portion of these piles the poles on which the wires are carried. This plan has been successfully carried out. Two iron-bark piles have been driven in the Rakaia and one in the Ashburton, in each case to a depth of twenty-one feet into the shingle.

Four piles of the same description have also been driven into the bed of the Waitaki River. long as these piles remain sound, I anticipate we shall be spared from the serious interruptions, at these rivers, to telegraphic communication, which have hitherto been the cause of so much inconvenience to the public and so much expense and loss of revenue to the Department.

No great repairs on this section will be required during the next year, many of the poles being of Australian timber.

Christchurch to Hokitika and Greymouth.

This section, from Christchurch to within thirty miles of Hokitika, has been completely over-hauled during the past year, and in some places reconstructed. The old poles have been for the most part made use of again, and on reference to Appendix B. it will be seen that, beyond the ordinary expenditure for maintenance, no very great outlay has been incurred. Owing to the Westport line being a continuation of the Hokitika and Greymouth line, it became absolutely imperative that the latter should be put in a complete state of repair, so as not to neutralize the beneficial results that were anticipated from the opening up of the new line.

Blenheim and Nelson.

The bush on this section has given a very great amount of trouble. It seemed in some places that, no matter how wide the clearing on each side of the line was made, the wires would still continue to be damaged by falling trees. To avoid the frequent interruptions which have arisen from the above cause, the Lineman stationed at Havelock has gone carefully over the line with a small gang of men, and has removed all trees that were likely, in falling, to damage the line. At the same time the line has been renewed in many parts—new poles taken from the surrounding bush have been substituted for old ones, many angles have been cut out, and the line has been straightened wherever it was found practicable to do so. A small part of the line between Picton and Blenheim still requires to be renewed. For this purpose, totara poles have been sent from Wellington to Blenheim, and have been landed there at the moderate cost of 21s. each. When this work is completed, I do not anticipate that this section will require any further expenditure of consequence for the next two or three years.

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Wellington to Napier.

On this section the maintenance for the greater part of the past year has been performed by contract in four sub-sections, namely, Wellington to Masterton, Masterton to Castle Point, Tenui Junction to Porongahau, and Porongahau to Napier. The plan, however, has not given satisfactory results, and in future contracts for construction, the provision for repair and maintenance will be dispensed with. It was originally adopted under the impression that, if a contractor was bound down to keep a line in order for twelve months after he had constructed it, he would be more likely, in order to save himself from future expense, to erect it properly in the first instance. There may be some force in this argument, but it is not sufficient to outweigh the objections to the plan; and I think that, by adopting a system of careful inspection whilst lines are in course of construction, all chances of work not being faithfully executed may be avoided.

The interruptions on this section during the past year have been few and of short duration. The place where the most casualties have occurred is the Taueru. There the line passes through bush, and from the nature of the country it is not possible to wholly provide againt these interruptions. The line runs along the side of a steep hill, the upper side of which is covered with bush, and is subject to land slips in wet weather; so it will be readily seen that the difficulty to be contended against is therefore a very serious one. To render the interruptions, however, as short as possible, precautions have been taken to have spare poles and wire so placed as to be immediately available for repairs.

The only other weak point on this section is at Akiteo. There the line, from its necessarily

exposed position, suffers much from the strong winds which prevail at certain seasons of the year. Here precautions have also been taken to render interruptions as few as possible. The poles have been strongly stayed along exposed points, and everything has been made as secure as circumstances

would permit.

As the fern in some portions of this section created considerable danger to the poles from fire during the season for burning off the runs, the precaution has been taken to have the sods removed for a radius of three feet round each pole where such a step appeared to be required. Experience has shown the benefit of this precaution, for shortly after the work was completed a heavy fire swept across the line, near the Tenui Junction; and I am told that this clearing alone saved a mile or more of the line from considerable damage.

Four Linemen are stationed on this section; namely, at Greytown, Castle Point, Waipukurau, and

Napier. The Napier Lineman will do duty on the line north, as well as south, of Napier.

The crossings at the Waipukurau and Waipawa rivers gave some trouble lately, during a remarkably heavy flood. These crossings have now, however, been made perfectly secure, and no further trouble may be expected at these points.

The other sections of the New Zealand Telegraph, namely, that between Greymouth and Westport, and Blenheim and Christchurch (both in the Middle Island), call for no further comment, as they have

been fully dealt with in the first part of my Report.

Auckland and Waikato Line.

This line, from the very bad description of timber used for the poles, has been a constant source of trouble and annoyance during the past year. The amount expended on its maintenance has been out of all proportion to the revenue derived, but the Government make large use of it. During the ensuing year the greater part of the line will be renewed, and as I trust we may in that time be able to open telegraphic communication between Auckland and Napier viá Taupo and Tauranga, I anticipate from this extension of communication, and the improved condition of the northern section, more satisfactory financial results than it has yet furnished.

In Appendix B. will be found the cost of each section of the line.

Instructions were given by the late Telegraph Commissioner, about twelve months since, for the extension of the telegraph from Auckland to the Thames Gold Field, and steps were taken without delay to give effect to these instructions. It was found, however, that no satisfactory line could be obtained without crossing the land of some Native tribes whose relations with the Government and the European settlers rendered it necessary not to attempt such a proceeding without obtaining their consent in the first instance. To obtain such consent the services of Mr. Mackay, of the Native Department, were called into requisition, but up to the present time no satisfactory result has been obtained. This is the more to be regretted, as telegraphic communication between Auckland and the Thames Gold Field would not only be a great advantage to the inhabitants of those important localities, but would, in all probability, be a source of considerable profit to the department.

COOK STRAIT CABLE.

The tests for insulation which are periodically made still give the same satisfactory results as last year. The No. 2 wire has improved considerably, but the No. 3 wire still gives the highest results.

For purposes of comparison, I append the tests (see Appendix O.) of the year 1867-8 in parallel columns, month for month where practicable, with those of the past year.

It has not been always possible, during the past year, to take the tests at regular intervals, owing to the unsettled and boisterous state of the weather. The extreme delicacy of the instruments used for testing the cable renders it necessary that the weather during the operation should be quite calm, as any vibration of the building during the time of testing would render it impossible to take accurate readings.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The registered number of complaints made by the Public during the past year is nine, and may be classified as follows :-

Six late delivered, three with errors in wording.

Each of these complaints was strictly investigated, and the offender punished by a severe fine or

When it is taken into consideration that the number of telegrams transmitted during the year

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amounts to 156,167, I think it may be fairly said that the number of complaints for such an amount of work is very small, and also that it evinces great care and attention on the part of the staff engaged in the transmission, receipt, and delivery of telegrams.

To meet the existing requirements of the Service, and in order to avoid the necessity of procuring operators from the adjacent Colonies, a Learners' Gallery was organized and put in operation in April, During the past year nine Cadets from this branch of the Service have been drafted into the different stations where vacancies have occurred from promotions to new stations, or where increasing work has rendered it necessary to supplement the staff.

The number of stations opened during the year is seven, viz.:—At The Spit (Napier), Waipawa,

and Masterton, in the North Island; and Temuka, Brighton, Charleston, and Westport, in the Middle Island. The duties of Telegraphist and Postmaster have been combined at all these offices, with the

exception of Masterton and Westport.

The arrangement made during the year 1867-68 for the reception of telegraphic messages at all Post Offices in districts where telegraphic communication did not exist, have not met with that encouragement on the part of the Public that might have been expected from such increased facilities for communication. I am led, however, to believe that this apparent indisposition on the part of the Public to avail itself of the advantages thus offered is in a measure caused by circumstances over which this Department has no control, one of which, I surmise, is that the instructions issued from this office have not been fairly carried out, and by that means a want of publicity has of course been the natural

The total number of messages received from this source during the year is fifty-one; and the revenue derived from the same is £10 12s. 6d.

In order to give the experiment a fair trial, I intend, with your permission, during the current year to have notices placed in the public room of each Telegraph Office, to the effect that "Collect" messages, under certain conditions, will be received at the various Telegraph Offices by post, and forwarded to their destination by telegraph.

Before leaving this subject, I may mention that most of the telegrams that have been received

have come from Wanganui and Akaroa.

By the assistance of the Inspector of Post Offices I am again enabled to furnish you in Appendix I., with a comparative statement of the number of telegrams and of the number of letters despatched within each Province for the last year.

I have also placed the former year's results in the same table, in order that one year may be more

readily compared with the other.

It will be seen, on reference to the table, that Marlborough still makes the largest use of the telegraph in proportion to the letters despatched, and that Nelson and Hawke's Bay very nearly reach the same proportion. This is the more surprising as the facilities for postal communication between the two last-mentioned places and other parts of the Colony is about treble that of Marlborough. The only reason that I can assign for it is, that the mercantile portion of the community begins to find that, owing to the efficient arrangements, and certainty of constant and uninterrupted communication by means of the telegraph, the advantages gained compensate it fully for any pecuniary

outlay involved by its use.

It will be seen on reference to the table (Appendix A.) that the value of the shipping telegrams transmitted during the year amounts to the large sum of £6,478 11s. 5d. There can be no doubt that a certain section of the community benefits to a very great extent by the posting of these telegrams; but I am still of opinion that the Department loses thousands of pounds yearly by the transaction, while the Public generally reap no commensurate advantage. The means for furnishing these telegrams to the various offices throughout the Colony is very faulty, the Department being dependent for its information on officers over whom it has not the slightest of the residual the complaints of neglect on the part of this Department in publishing the reports of the arrivals and departures of steamers, have been traced to causes outside this Department. I think, if the sending of these telegrams is to be continued, the arrangements for the supply of the information to the various offices should be such as to place the power of dealing with the neglect of an officer more in our hands. Of course this procedure would entail a considerable increase in the expenditure of the Department, and this will be a weighty consideration before adopting any other plan than the present.

FINANCIAL.

The tables furnished last year of the total number of telegrams of each code and their respective values,—also the table, introduced then for the first time, showing the total value of business, the total cash receipts, and the cost of maintenance of each station,—will again be found in Appendices G., K., L., M., and N.

The number of telegrams of all codes transmitted during the past year amounts to 156,167, which, after deducting the telegrams transmitted on the Auckland line (4,502), shows an increase of 53,180 on the number (98,485) transmitted during the financial year 1867-68. This large increase is in a measure due to the opening of the Greymouth and Westport line, and to the general inclination of the Public to avail itself of the increased facilities for telegraphic communication.

The total cash revenue of the line from Bluff to Napier for the year amounts to £18,178 10s. 1d.; and the total value of business done, including guarantees, &c., during the same period amounts to £31,277 5s. 4d.; which, after deducting the cost of maintenance of stations (£13,065 6s. 6d.), and maintenance of the lines (£7,022 0s. 10d.), leaves the large balance of £11,189 18s. to the credit of

this portion of the line.

The returns of the Auckland line, treated in the same way, show an excess of expenditure over receipts of £2,052 13s. 3d.; but after deducting this deficiency from the amount (£11,189 18s.) carried to the credit of the line from Bluff to Napier, there still remains the large balance of £9 137 4s. £d. to the general credit of the Department. The total cash receipts of both lines is £18,520 10s. 4d.; and the total value of business done, including guarantees, is £31,951 2s. 1d.

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The expenditure of the past year has been largely increased through having had partially to reconstruct the several sections referred to in Appendix B. I consider that at least £2,000 of the £7,022 Os. 10d., the cost of the maintenance of the line from Bluff to Napier, has been The enormous cost of the maintenance of the Auckland line has been caused expended in this way. by its thoroughly bad condition; and until such time as the line is renewed, the same results may be looked for. This large item of expenditure in the maintenance of the lines of the Colony is in a great measure caused by the use of inferior timber for poles, a most fatal mistake, -- and one which will always involve a large expenditure so long as anything but totara is used,-where timber has to be taken any distance.

I think, on the whole, that the Department shows a steady and satisfactory increase, more especially when the generally depressed state of trade throughout the Colony during the past year is taken into consideration. I have every reason to believe that the day is not far distant when the revenue of the Colony will be considerably augmented by the receipts of this Department. There is no doubt that the use it has been to the Government during the past year has been the means of

saving thousands of pounds to the Colony.

The Hon. the Telegraph Commissioner, Wellington.

I have, &c., C. Lemon, General Manager.

Appendix 0.

COMPARATIVE TABLE of Insulation Tests of the Cook Strait Cable for the Years ending 1867-8 and 1868-9, showing the resistance per knot, after two minutes' electrification, in millions of Ohmads (British Association units of resistance).

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^{*} NOTE.—This test was taken with zine to earth—all the others with copper to earth.

Appendix A.

RETURN showing the Cash Value of Shipping Telegrams and the Amounts actually Chargeable to each Department of the General Government for Telegrams transmitted during the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1869.

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ив, 1869.	Вемавка.	Line renewed in some parts. Includes cost of reconstruction to within 30 miles of Hokitika.	Includes cost of reconstruction to within 3 miles of Nelson.	Cost per mile from Bluff to Napier.	Total cost per mile.
ding 30th Ju	Cost per Mile.	26 4 2 104 5 10 55 6 10 84 7 12 2 4 11 44 6 0	15 6 4 3 5 74	5 19 24 10 0 8	$686\frac{1}{4}$
RETURN showing the Cost of Maintenance of Telegraph Lines for the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1869	Total Cost of Maintenance.	472 10 5 908 2 2 907 2 11 1339 11 10 306 0 11 894 7 10	1409 3 9 725 1 0	7022 0 10 1525 3 11	8547 4 9
LINES for the F	Cost of Material used for Repairs.	£ 6. d. 41 8 6 322 8 3 197 19 3 310 15 7 77 13 9	316 13 0 180 8 6	1479 11 1 214 18 8	1694 9 9
of Телесварн	Extra Labor.	26 8. d. 35 15 6 172 9 9 9 134 13 7 243 3 0	543 12 9 129 16 11	1334 3 0 40 19 8	1375 2 8
MAINTENANCE	Travelling Expenses.	£ s. d. 220 6 5 238 4 2 324 1 9 398 3 3 161 6 8	227 14 8 227 5 9	2114 5 3 530 15 8	2645 0 11
ng the Cosr or	Salaries of Linemen.	£ s. d. 175 0 0 175 0 0 310 8 4 387 10 0 112 10 0 425 0 0	321 3 4 187 9 10	2094 1 6 738 9 11	2832 11 5
RN show	Number of Miles.	114 152 148 176 67	92	1178 152	1330
RETU	Section.	Bluff to Balclutha Balclutha to Waitaki Waitaki to Christchurch Christchurch to Greymouth Greymouth to Westport Christichurch to Blenheim Rlenheim to Walten including Whitely	Esy Line Wellington to Napier	Auckland Lines	

Appendix C.

RETURN for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1869, of the Cash Bevenue derived from Private, Press, and Provincial Government Messages, and of the Value of General Government Messages; the Number of Messages transmitted by each Station, and the Working Expenses of each Station.

Remabes.	Including Cadets' Salaries and Expenditure for Poles on hand, £911 5s 3d. Guaranteed. Guaranteed. Guaranteed. Including Rent of Office £210 Guaranteed.
Total Cost of Maintenance of each Station.	3,284 6 3,284 16 2 125 11 25 1
Contingencies.	28 8. d. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.
Amount paid for Salaries.	2,062 19 2 1062 19 2 2006 10 2 200 0 0 200 0 0 0 1,245 18 3 946 11 7 97 19 7 122 18 4 172 18 7 172 18 7 173 18 7 174 10 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Total Number of Messages of all Codes.	1,387 1,387 1,586 3,700 1,636 1,636 1,714 11,348 11,348 11,270 1,2
Total Numbor of General Government Messages.	66 2,180 2,180 2,180 2,180 2,180 1,010 1,045 1,045 2,24 2,24 2,24 2,24 4,512 4,512 6,886 6,886 6,886
Total Number of Private, Press, and Provincial Government Messages.	1.; 175 1,321 1,520 1,520 1,611 10,338 17,839 17,839 17,838 17,839 17,839 17,839 17,839 17,839 17,839 17,839 17,839 17,839 17,844 17,839 17,83
Total Value of Messages of all codes.	2 3. d. 152.15 11 22 11 5 306 3 1 306
Value of General Government Messages.	## 3. 8. 9. 9. 9. 9. 9. 9. 9. 9. 9. 9. 9. 9. 9.
Total Cash from Private, Press, and Provincial Government Messages.	26 8 6 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9
NAME OF STATION.	Head Office Balclutha Bealey Bealey Bluff Bluff Brighton Castle Point Charleston Cheviot Christchurch Duncdin Featherston Gergmouth Greymouth Grey

Appendix C .- (Continued.)

RETURN for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1866, of the Cash Revenue derived from Private, Press, and Provincial Government Messages, and of the Vorenment Messages; the Number of Messages transmitted by each Station, and the Working Expenses of each Station.

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Remarks.	Subsidy, £100 per annum. Guaranteed. Subsidy £75 per annum. Guaranteed.	Guaranteed.	Office closed. Subsidy £20 per annum.	
Total Cost of Maintenance of each Station.	26 8. d. 76 19 2 141 0 1 2 219 14 3 9 5 3 2 0 5 3 2 0 126 18 0 5 5 3 3 5 7 2 3 3 7 7 2 3 13 7 7		99 10 2 441 11 0 127 14 8 122 17 4 64 19 10 143 4 10 77 4 6	1,201 6 1 13,065 6 6 14,266 12 7
Contingencies.	29 29 29 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37	G 11 62 62	15 18 6 241 0 11 20 8 0 89 5 8 25 1 0 86 18 6 25 14 10 17 15 6	2,748 3 8 3,170 6 7
Amount paid for Salaries.	26 8. d. 41 13 4 41 13 4 108 0 11 186 16 6 8 8 0 0 9 3 4 100 0 0 6 9 0 6 9 10 100 0 0 6 9 10 100 0 0	16 16 2	83 11 8 200 10 1 107 6 8 83 11 8 39 2 9 88 1 4 117 10 0	779 3 2 10,317 2 10 11,096 6 0
Total Number of Messages of all Codes.	1,715 3,207 4,153 874 867 17,699	7,109 33 151,665	288 1,426 264 820 820 53 330 980	4,502 151,665 156,167
Total Number of General Government Messages.	1,281 4 4 156 289 289 26 26 7,946	3,241	97 412 60 381 24 90 183 118	1,365 48,732 50,097
Total Number Of Private, Press, and Provincial Government Messages.	28.8 20.8.9 4.4.8 4.4.8 4.4.8 8.4.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.6.7 8.7 8.7 8.7 8.7 8.7 8.7 8.7 8.7 8.7 8	3,868 33 102,933	191 1,014 204 439 29 240 7,97 223	3,137 102,933 106,070
Total Value of Messages of all codes.	£ 8. d. 350 19 4 412 10 446 7 3 443 10 2 8 8 8 18 10 11 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	9 71	212 10 5 45 13 11 121 18 10 7 7 11 49 17 6 138 4 5 23 8 11	653 16 9 30,426 17 1 31,080 13 10
Value of General Government Messages.	267 17 6 17 2 33 3 0 66 4 11 4 11 0 0 5 6 80 16 3 1,925 11 0	55 13 ·	28 6 9 102 1 10 17 9 2 79 9 5 4 11 6 26 17 6 64 6 6	331 16 6 13,098 15 3 13,430 11 9
Total Cash from Private, Press, and Provincial Government Messagos.	£ 8. d. 83 1.10 80 5 8 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 8.4 8.9 9.1 10 18 3 2.514 1.11 2.514 1.11	1 52 0 1 T	25 18 1 110 8 7 28 4 9 42 9 5 3 6 6 23 0 0 73 17 11	322 0 3 17,328 1 10 17,650 2 1
NAME OF STATION.		Westernment Duracings Westernment Comments White's Bay	Alexandra Auckland Cambridge Hamilton Kihi Kihi Mercer Newcastle Onehunga	

REPORT OF THE WORKING OF

Appendix D.

Debtor and Creditor Statement for Lines from Bluff to Napier.

Dr. To Total Cost of Maintenance	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	Cr. By Cash Receipts as under,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
of Stations	13,065	6 6			Ordinary, Press, and Pro- vincial Telegrams	17,328					
To Total Cost of Maintenance of Lines	7,022	0 10	••••		Subscriptions from the Press Other Receipts (Tariff Sales,	407		8			
-			20,087	7 4	&c Subsidy from Otago for To- komairiro Station, for half	84	16	3	,		
		ļ			year ended 31st Decem- ber, 1868	37	10	0			
					Amounts due as under,— Subsidy from Otago Province			-			
					for Tokomairiro Station, for half year ending 30th						
					June, 1869 Subsidy for Spit Station, Napier, for five months,	37	10	0			
					ending 30th June, 1869, at £100 per annum	41	13	4			
·					Guarantee for Featherston Station for the year ending				j		
					30th June, 1869, £123 17s. 4d., less value of				i		
					business done, £681s. 8d. Guarantee for Selwyn Sta-	55	15	8			
					tion for the year ending 30th June, 1869, £115 7s.						
					less value of business done £28 1s. 4d	87	5	8			
					Guarantee for Temuka Sta- tion for six months ending						
		ļ			30th June, 1869, £76 19s. 2d., less Cash Receipts for						
					same period, £30 5s. 8d. Guarantee for Waipawa Sta-	46	13	6			
					tion for month ending 30th June, 1869, £53 9s. 5d.,						
					less Cash Receipts £3 13s.	49	16	1			
					Guarantee for Waipukurau Station for 13 months						
		į			ending 30th June, 1869, £137 5s. 6d., less Cash						
					Receipts, £135 14s. 5d.	1	11	1			
Balance (Credit of Bluff and Napier Line			20,087 11,189		,, ====================================				18,178 13,098		
			£31,277	5 4					£31,277	5	4

Appendix E.

Debtor and Creditor Statement—Auckland Lines.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	в.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.	£		ď.
To Total cost of Maintenance of Stations	1,201	6	1				By Cash Receipts as under,— Ordinary, Press, and Pro-			•••		٠.	•••
of Stations	1,201	Ū	1				vincial Telegrams	322	Ω	3			
To Total cost of Maintenance				ĺ			Subsidy from Auckland Pro-	022	v				
of Lines	1,525	3	11				vince for Onehunga Sta-						
ļ				2,726	10	0	tion for 9 months ending						
							31st March, 1869	15	0	0			
ĺ							Amounts due as under,—						
i				ļ			Subsidy from Auckland Pro-						
				l			vince for Onehunga Sta- tion for 3 months ending						
.							90th Tuna 1960	5	0	^			
i				}			30th a the, 1909						
							Total Cash Revenue				342	n	3
· •							General Government Tele-				-	•	•
į				l			grams				331	16	6
}]									
							Balance (debit to Auckland				673		
				1			line)	•••			2,052	13	3
				£2,726	10	0					£2,726	10	0
	•			GE	NEI	RAL	BALANCE.				•		
To Balance to Debit of Auck-							By Balance to Credit of line			ı			
land line		••		2,052	13	3	from Bluff to Napier	•••		ĺ	11,189	18	0
To Balance to credit of De-				0.197	,	9							
partment	•	•••		9,137	4	9							
				£11,189	18	0					£11,189	10	0
				,			<u>'</u>				WII,109	10	

Appendix F.

RETURN showing RECONSTRUCTED and ADDITIONAL TELEGRAPH LINES erected during the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1869, and the Cost of the same.

LOCALITY.	Number of Miles of Line erected.		Cost of irve		0	ost f les.		Cle	st of aring ash.	g	Insu	ire, ms,		Am Pai Erec	d for	r	Inspe a Su	ost of ectiond per- sion.		Total o Lir	£	t		Cost per Tile	
	-	£	s.	d.	£	в.	d.	£	g.	d.	£	5.	d.	£	в.	d.	£	5.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Woodend to Blen- heim, including																									
White's Bay																									
Line (recon-		000	10		£ 100	10	_	100	^	^	0000			25.40	-1 Per	_	~~~	۔.		10.740		^	ر د	_	_
structed) Greymouth to		390	19	ð	5,136	12	5	100	U	U	2022	19	4	2540	17	3	552	TĐ	1	10,743	19	9	55	7	7a
Westport		407	11	8	1,070	16	5	1951	7	6	960	15	4	1903	16	9	708	9	4	7,002	17	0	104	10	58
										_			<u> </u>			_			•						
	261	798	11	4	6,207	8	10	2051	7	6	2983	10	8	4444	14	0	1261	4	5	17,746	16	9		_	

Appendix G.

RETURN showing the Total Cost of the Lines of Telegraph throughout New Zealand belonging to the General Government, and the COOK'S STRAIT CABLE.

LOCALITY.	Length of Section in Miles.	Cost of Clearing Bush.	Total Cost of Poles for Section includ- ing Delivery.	Cost of Wire, Arms, Insulators, &c. including Cartage.	Cost of Erection.	Total Cost of Section.	Cost per Mile.
Bluff to Invercargill Invercargill to Mataura Mataura to Waitaki Waitaki to Hurunui Hurunui to Nelson White's Bay Line Port Chalmers Line West Coast Line Greymouth to Westport Blenheim to Woodend, reconstruction, including White's Bay Line (194 miles)	19 32 189 218 241 7 8 176 67	£ s. d 1,229 3 3 3 1,951 7 6	1,070 16 5	739 1 4 3,034 7 9 3,427 13 6 3,953 3 4 960 15 4	1,720 13 3 3,760 19 0 3,661 6 0 503 12 6 800 0 0 2,108 0 0 3,019 17 9	2,407 12 4 13,108 19 0 13,743 1 2 14,057 6 7 503 12 6 800 0 0 2,108 0 0 7,002 17 0	75 4 9 69 7 0 63 0 7b 58 6 0c 71 18 11d 100 0 0e 11 19 7f 104 10 5g
Total Middle Island	957	3,280 10 9		14,137 16 7		65,288 3 10	
Lyall's Bay to Wellington Wellington to Masterton Masterton to Castle Point Castle Point to Porangahau Porangahau to Napier Auckland Line, including	4 59 3 35 3 53 68	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2,362 10 0	839 4 4 388 18 6 722 18 6	1,267 9 1	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	82 8 2k
Branch Line to Hamilton	152		•••	•••	3,256 0 0	3,256 0 0	21 8 51
Total Northern Island Total Middle Island	372½ 957	537 8 11 3,280 10 9		2,973 17 0 14,137 16 7	9,296 17 4 20, 3 41 7 0		
	$1,329\frac{1}{2}$	3,817 19 8	32,474 0 0	17,111 13 7	29,638 4 4	83,041 17 7	62 8 9n
Cook's Strait Cable, including Freight from London and expense of Laying		•••		•••	•••	29,864 0 0	•••
Total Expenditure (exclusive of North Napier and Wan- ganui Lines in progress)		•••	•••		•••	112,905 17 7	

Total number of miles of Line, 1,329½; total number of miles of Wire, 2,495.

<sup>a. Includes cost of Repairs 14 miles north of Kaiapoi.
b. Includes cost of fitting-up Offices at Charleston, Brighton, and Westport.</sup>

a Purchased from Southland Government. b Includes £450, purchase of Lyttelton Line. c Approximate cost. d Approximate cost of poles, &c. e Purchased from private firm. f Only cost of Line to summit of Arthur's Pass; from there to Hokitika not charged for. g Six per cent, and difference between receipts and cost of maintenance guaranteed by Nelson Government. h Average cost per mile, Middle Island. i Supply of poles, and supervision included in cost of erection. k Survey, and supervision included in cost of erection. l Of this amount, £2,276 was paid to the Imperial Government as purchase of the Line. The balance £980, is the cost of extension from Ngaruawahia to Hamilton, and from Alexandra to Kihi Kihi. m Average cost per mile, Northern Island. n Total average cost per mile.

Appendix H.

STATEMENT showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the Greymouth and Westport Line, from its opening on the 1st September, 1868, to the 30th June, 1869; and also the position in which the Provincial Government of Nelson stands in regard to its guarantee for the payment of the Working Expenses of the Line, and Interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on an outlay of £7000.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ 8. d.	£ s. d.
BRIGHTON STATION,— Salaries Contingencies, including office fittings	163 6 2 80 16 0		BRIGHTON STATION,— Cash Receipts for Ordinary Telegrams Cash Receipts for Press Telegrams Cash Receipts for Provincial	150 19 11	
CHARLESTON STATION,— Salaries Contingencies	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		Government Telegrams Cash Receipts for Excess on Telegrams	9 5 0	i
Westport Station,— Salaries Contingencies	162 1 8 23 19 0			401 19 9 1 0 0	
MAINTENANCE OF LINE,— Salaries Travelling Expenses Material	$egin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		grams Cash Receipts for Provincial Government Telegrams Cash Receipts for Excess on Telegrams	18 8 2 3 6 0	
Interest on £7000 for 10 months at 6 per cent per annum		306 0 11 350 0 0	Summary	23 13 4	448 7 3
at o per cent per annum	•••	1,232 18 3	WESTFORT STATION,-	604 15 2	-3
			grams Cash Receipts for Provincial Government Telegrams	5 12 6 72 6 3	
Balance, excess of Receipts over Expenditure		94 3 1	Cash Receipts for Excess on Telegrams Press Subscriptions to Mail Summary	2 5 0 32 0 0	
Expenditure	•••	£1,327 1 4			£1,327 1 4

Appendix I.

STATEMENT showing the number of Interprovincial Letters Despatched during the Postal Year ending 31st December, 1868; the Number of Telegrams forwarded from each Province for the Year ending 30th June, 1869; and the proportion the Telegrams bear to every hundred Letters; together with a similar Return for previous Year, by way of comparison.

					1868-9.			1867-8.	
PR	OVINO	CE.		Number of Letters.	Number of Telegrams.	Proportion of Telegrams sent for every 100 Letters.	Number of Letters.	Number of Telegrams.	Proportion of Telegrams sent for every 100 Letters.
Wellington				328,180	24,412	7.43	289,058	12,313	4.41
	•••	•••	••••	45,523	6,819	14.97	47.215	6,206	13.14
Marlborough	•••	•••	•••	203,537	22,592	11.09	143,374	6,962	4.85
Nelson	•••	•••	•••	539,610	25,911	4.8	7 740,074	0,802	4.00
Canterbury	•••	•••	•••			7.02	801,774	42,101	5.25
Westland	• • •	•••	•••	251,108	17,649		7	00,000	7.00
Otago			•••	595,062	39,123	6.57	575,948	32,668	5,66
Southland			•••	84,235	6,498	7.71	81,209	5,854	7.20
Hawke's Bay				62,539	8,661	13.84			
Auckland				439,694	4,502	1.02		l	

Total number of Letters 2,549,488 1,938,578 ,,,, Telegrams 156,167 106,104 Proportion of Telegrams to every 100 Letters ... 6.12 5.47

REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

Appendix K.

RETURN of Ordinary Telegrams for the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1869.

E.—No. 5.

	July. August.		Sept	TEMBER.	Остовев.		November.		December.		January.		February.		March.		April.		May.		JUNE.		TOTALS.			
	No. of Telegrams.	Amount.	No, of Telegrams.	Amount.	No. of Telegrams.	Amount.	No. of Telegrams.	Amount.	No. of Telegrams.	Amount.	No. of Telegrams.	Amount.	No. of Telegrams	Amount.	No of Telegrams.	Amount.	No. of Telegrams.	Amdunt	No. of Telegrams.	Amount.	No. of Telegrams	Amount	No. of Telegrams.	Amount.	No. of Celegrams.	Amount,
Balclutha Bealey Blenheim Buff Brighton Castle Point Charleston Cheviot Christchurch Dunedin Featherston Greymouth Greytown Havelock Hokitika Invercargill Kaiapoi Kaikoura Lyttelton Masterton Napier Nelson Oamaru Picton Port Chalmers Selwyn Spit (Napier) Temuka Timaru Tokomairiro Waikouaiti Waipawa Waipukurau Weilington Government Buildings Westport White's Bay	940 1,194 23 237 34 52 392 219 164 45 451 296 67 90 564	£ s. d. 11 5 3 1 9 0 15 15 1 1 11 1 10 2 8 10 2 8 10 5 1 7 149 1 10 187 3 10 2 5 2 40 14 1 3 1 10 4 18 1 19 9 14 18 7 4 19 10 37 13 7 30 3 5 49 1 6 45 12 4 15 15 6 12 2 6 1 1 8 32 8 11 28 2 10 9 1 9 10 18 6 101 7 10 14 1 10 0 8 6	83 16 200 88 61 27 114 44 788 1,344 31 324 39 44 539 199 178 49 333 171 367 370 136 177 9 223 287 75 81 749 88 	£ s. d. 9 15 4 1 15 6 21 18 3 10 10 3 7 2 8 4 15 9 21 4 4 7 15 4 128 16 8 207 12 2 3 19 7 59 7 6 3 17 9 4 1 7 131 15 5 30 2 3 16 11 3 29 19 1 29 16 5 21 2 29 16 5 28 2 4 9 3 7 11 15 8 149 13 9 20 16 9 0 3 4	235 136 40 346 164 406 341 116 190 5 214 252 67 64 572	£ s. d. 7 13 2 2 7 3 19 14 3 12 17 2 31 11 8 2 15 10 51 0 9 9 15 2 126 2 7 1 18 11 71 10 4 4 16 0 8 1 11 146 12 0 34 19 4 11 1 5 5 4 7 31 11 8 37 1 10 85 7 8 38 16 0 12 7 2 13 9 11 0 9 5 29 17 11 24 3 10 8 5 4 21 16 7 102 4 1 27 4 3 75 15 0 0 11 11	113 15 187 120 186 11 277 61 756 1,446 23 335 44 49 545 220 103 45 315 137 349 347 91 212 12 210 289 61 49 587 79 353 	£ s. d. 11 5 7 1 18 2 22 1 11 13 11 6 20 2 6 1 2 3 36 16 4 13 5 7 119 3 56 9 11 4 1 9 3 56 9 11 4 12 7 111 4 8 35 3 7 8 12 2 5 17 6 32 5 4 26 16 0 73 16 1 38 5 7 8 4 11 14 19 3 1 3 5 30 5 4 28 0 9 6 19 1 103 18 0 6 6 1 103 18 0 24 1 1 65 15 5	1,247 20 459 50 34 600 195 81 53 256 153 332 261 74 199 5 179 285 54 37 559 12	£ s. d. 8 17 0 1 2 0 19 18 8 11 17 7 15 7 1 2 13 10 39 17 4 8 19 7 115 0 4 189 6 9 1 17 4 72 2 9 5 16 11 3 10 5 120 13 8 30 9 7 7 15 9 21 0 1 33 5 6 69 17 1 30 11 3 6 14 0 12 18 9 0 13 10 24 2 3 24 9 6 5 16 10 4 11 1 102 15 11 6 1 10 63 17 0 0 1 6	92 17 221 108 175 34 322 52 708 1,341 25 495 62 92 558 220 82 25 66 334 30 134 316 76 198 11 3 258 313 88 38 618 618 618 618 618 618 618 61	£ s. d. 9 1 11 2 0 2 23 18 6 13 15 1 17 3 8 4 3 3 39 1 3 13 9 8 112 15 4 186 10 3 2 3 6 73 4 10 5 13 9 9 16 9 105 0 2 31 4 1 7 8 3 12 6 25 15 11 67 14 3 32 19 10 7 9 9 13 13 3 1 4 1 0 7 0 38 6 8 28 9 3 9 6 2 6 10 4 107 14 1 7 4 7 0 4 7	137 16 227 89 152 25 306 106 922 1,507 29 496 62 54 690 190 82 87 373 43 343 343 360 82 216 61 373 46 46 46 46 46 46 46 46 46 46	£ s. d. 13 0 10 2 10 2 23 3 1 14 1 0 13 15 3 3 15 11 38 9 2 25 17 6 148 19 2 238 1 4 2 14 2 74 16 1 5 10 8 4 16 6 149 16 0 32 18 3 7 19 6 10 13 7 36 9 1 4 7 10 28 4 7 71 8 10 40 19 4 7 18 2 15 16 5 0 16 2 2 4 8 4 15 6 36 10 0 27 3 0 5 14 4 9 3 5 5 116 6 10 2 14 5 61 8 6 0 6 2	130 12 188 130 100 18 289 105 871 1,387 24 374 97 72 561 269 63 359 31 134 340 323 113 259 11 52 46 284 365 50 61 648 6 304 2	£ s. d. 12 11 2 1 7 6 22 1 3 14 7 1 10 1 10 1 17 10 35 8 7 25 15 0 152 11 2 196 6 3 2 3 2 54 19 5 9 18 3 7 7 0 121 16 0 40 2 1 5 7 9 6 9 3 36 4 3 3 2 1 25 64 8 3 31 6 8 11 17 0 1 15 10 1 5 10 2 2 2	86 103	£ s. d. 7 11 12 8 27 56 60 11 4 0 0 12 16 6 2 17 15 7 15 17 11 213 17 3 2 16 5 65 19 9 10 5 11 9 13 2 99 11 5 5 65 19 9 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	75 50 561 254 148 46 373 36 177 373 347 119 182 24 88 60 261 344 92 71 671 12 304	£ s. d. 12 8 4 1 11 4 15 14 0 15 0 4 9 2 9 2 13 5 35 4 4 9 9 5 138 19 1 232 15 4 4 0 2 58 10 11 6 10 9 5 10 8 135 17 2 37 5 3 14 7 4 9 2 4 32 1 2 3 5 0 34 12 1 74 10 2 39 5 4 13 3 5 12 2 2 4 15 12 8 5 4 3 35 11 0 32 18 5 8 11 3 8 11 3 8 11 9 109 17 4 2 2 10 50 14 7 0 17 4	364	£ s. d. 11 4 10 1 3 8 22 12 9 8 11 5 9 1 8 3 18 11 37 5 6 9 0 6 123 2 2 210 5 7 3 8 11 53 16 11 6 4 4 8 15 4 83 2 3 22 9 2 12 12 1 8 3 2 35 19 10 2 17 8 21 10 9 75 17 4 41 18 7 12 17 4 16 19 6 2 17 3 11 14 8 3 9 6 35 15 0 27 16 2 7 15 9 3 10 7 90 97 10 3 2 3 63 9 8 0 3 5	250 39 34 41 592 78 338	£ s. d. 10 18 10 1 6 0 22 2 10 13 13 6 6 6 10 2 17 0 31 5 0 12 17 8 125 14 5 201 0 9 2 2 8 101 9 3 5 19 3 6 4 0 106 8 9 23 13 9 13 5 11 6 13 3 30 4 9 1 18 1 32 11 9 64 8 1 33 10 4 13 6 7 12 16 9 2 1 7 17 8 7 6 1 5 27 14 9 23 14 3 3 11 9 3 13 4 4 3 2 96 11 1 18 4 6 52 1 11	1,277 172 2,349 1,267 1,540 256 2,991 7,44 9,911 16,757 362 4,920 755 6,599 2,534 1,408 670 4,250 248 1,873 4,496 4,107 1,344 2,417 161 417 324 3,007 3,580 819 34 722 7,472 505 3,565 33	£ s. d. 127 10 2 20 3 5 256 6 1 153 2 9 150 19 11 35 3 9 401 18 9 159 2 7 1,591 7 1 2,495 13 0 30 19 3 783 1 9 71 17 2 77 8 0 1,407 10 7 379 19 5 129 2 7 86 15 0 388 12 10 22 7 4 369 4 5 853 17 5 474 2 5 134 10 10 175 8 13 10 175 13 10 175 13 10 175 13 10 175 13 10 175 13 10 175 13 10 175 13 10 175 13 10 175 13 10 175 13 10 175 13 10 175 13 13 4 102 0 5 1,311 5 5 1,311 5 5 1,311 5 5 1,311 5 5 1,311 5 5 1,311 5 5 1,311 5 5
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REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

Appendix L.

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RETURN of Press Telegrams for the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1869.

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