

TABLE F.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Progress of the TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT during the Financial Years ended 30th June, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877.

| 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 | | Value of General Government Messages. | | Total Value of Business done during the Year. | | Cost of Maintenance of Stations. | | Cost of Maintenance of Lines. | | Total Expenditure. | | Cost of Maintenance of Lines per mile. | | Tariff in Operation. | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----|---|----|----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|----|--------------------|----|--|--------|----------------------|----|---|----|----|---|
| | | | | Private, Press, and Provincial Government. | General Government. | Total. | Private, Press, and Provincial Government Messages, and Incidental Receipts. | General Government Messages. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | | d. | £ | s. | d. | |
| 30th June, 1866 | 699 | 1,390 | 13 | 24,761 | 2,476 | 27,237 | 5,561 | 19 | 2 | 483 | 3 | 2 | 3,934 | 3 | 4 | 2,443 | 2 | 11 | 6,377 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 10 | } Mileage tariff. |
| " | 757 | 1,498 | 21 | 55,621 | 15,331 | 70,952 | 9,070 | 10 | 1 | 3,770 | 4 | 8 | 8,017 | 14 | 7 | 2,541 | 4 | 11 | 10,558 | 19 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 1 | |
| " | 1,110 | 2,223 | 31 | 72,241 | 26,244 | 98,485 | 11,652 | 3 | 7 | 6,672 | 0 | 3 | 9,489 | 17 | 10 | 5,406 | 7 | 3 | 14,896 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 4 | } 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. |
| " | 1,329 | 2,405 | 45 | 106,070 | 50,097 | 156,157 | 18,520 | 10 | 4 | 13,430 | 11 | 9 | 14,266 | 12 | 7 | 8,547 | 4 | 9 | 22,813 | 17 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 6 | |
| " | 1,661 | 2,897 | 56 | 122,545 | 62,878 | 185,423 | 17,218 | 1 | 4 | 12,252 | 6 | 0 | 16,417 | 7 | 4 | 14,120 | 4 | 10 | 30,537 | 12 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 11 | } 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. |
| " | *1,976 | 3,247 | 72 | 253,582 | 59,202 | 312,784 | 22,419 | 8 | 8 | 9,876 | 17 | 6 | 21,254 | 4 | 3 | 11,344 | 3 | 8 | 32,598 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 19 | 6 | |
| " | †2,185 | 3,823 | 81 | 344,524 | 67,243 | 411,767 | 28,121 | 10 | 0 | 11,043 | 3 | 9 | 23,593 | 9 | 9 | 8,858 | 19 | 7 | 32,452 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | } From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free. |
| " | ‡2,356 | 4,574 | 93 | 485,507 | 83,453 | 568,960 | 39,680 | 18 | 9 | 11,105 | 2 | 0 | 27,040 | 18 | 10 | 9,479 | 5 | 4 | 36,520 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 11 | |
| " | §2,530 | 5,782 | 105 | 645,067 | 107,832 | 752,899 | 46,508 | 18 | 10 | 12,618 | 11 | 6 | 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. |
| " | 2,986 | 6,626 | 127 | 786,237 | 130,891 | 917,128 | 55,301 | 12 | 3 | 13,679 | 10 | 9 | 45,814 | 11 | 4 | 14,240 | 19 | 7 | 60,055 | 10 | 11 | 4 | 16 | 4 | |
| " | ¶3,154 | 7,247 | 142 | 890,382 | 160,704 | 1,051,086 | 62,715 | 10 | 4 | 16,154 | 6 | 0 | 61,696 | 14 | 5 | 21,074 | 8 | 8 | 82,771 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 10 | } From 1st November, 1873, address and signature given in free. |
| " | **3,259 | 7,423 | 155 | 952,283 | 172,159 | 1,124,432 | 65,644 | 15 | 3 | 17,024 | 8 | 9 | 63,353 | 10 | 10 | 17,931 | 8 | 0 | 81,284 | 18 | 10 | 5 | 12 | 11 | |

* From this mileage 78 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
 † From this mileage 32 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
 ‡ From this mileage 42 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
 § From this mileage 106 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
 || From this mileage 31 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
 ¶ From this mileage 174 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.
 ** From this mileage 85 miles to be deducted before computing the cost per mile for maintenance.