

Table No. 11.

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT DURING THE TEN-YEAR PERIODS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1866 AND 1876, THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1886, THE 31ST MARCH, 1896, 1906, 1916; AND THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

Year ended	Number of Miles of Line.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Offices Open.	Number of Telegrams and Toll Messages 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).
				Private and Press.	Government.	Total.	Telegraph.	Telephone.			
30th June, 1866	699	1,390	13	24,761	2,746	27,407	£ 5,562	£ ..	£ 483	£ 6,045	£ 6,377
„ 1876	3,154	7,247	142	890,382	160,704	1,051,086	62,716	..	16,154	78,870	82,771
31st Dec., 1886	4,546	11,178	412	1,583,717	252,549	1,836,266	106,639	..	27,281	133,920	98,875
31st Mar., 1896	6,245½	15,764½	743	1,899,632	224,579	2,124,211	97,178	25,933	25,844	148,955	143,665
„ 1906	8,355	25,116	1,312	5,351,084	289,135	5,640,219	184,369	89,542	24,168	298,079	276,580
.. 1916	13,684	48,052	2,413	10,708,910	127,841	10,836,751	549,627	287,547	9,085	846,259	658,572
„ 1917	13,896	50,320	2,409	10,734,168	140,952	10,875,120	527,249	317,275	10,774	855,298	681,217
„ 1918	13,687	50,291	2,371	11,510,710	114,010	11,624,720	516,865	344,368	6,949	868,182	803,691
„ 1919	13,813	50,742	2,354	11,989,882	101,135	12,091,017	615,786	373,169	5,036	993,991	879,497
„ 1920	13,721	50,751	2,339	14,957,615	116,452	15,074,067	619,188	419,318	5,830	1,044,336	1,078,961
„ 1921	13,724	51,643	2,338	13,884,466	116,385	14,000,851	704,228	533,535	7,036	1,244,799	1,369,780

NOTE.—Inland Telegram Tariff: Prior to the 1st September, 1869, inland telegrams were charged for on a mileage basis. From that date a uniform rate was fixed of 2s. 6d. for ten words and 6d. for each additional five words. From the 1st April, 1870, the minimum charge was reduced to 1s. From the 1st November, 1873, the rate was further reduced to 1s. for ten words and 1d. for each additional word, address and signature, hitherto charged for, being free up to ten words. From the 1st July, 1877, there was introduced the “urgent” code, at double the ordinary rate. From the 1st July, 1878, a “delayed” system was introduced, the rate being fixed at 6d. for ten words, exclusive of address and signature, up to ten words and ½d. for each additional word. From the 1st February, 1892, the number of words allowed for the minimum charge in each case was increased to twelve, with free address and signature up to six words. From the 15th August, 1892, the ordinary rate was fixed at 1s. for eighteen words, including address and signature. From the 1st June, 1896, the rate was fixed at 6d. for twelve words, including address and signature, and 1d. for each additional word, and “delayed” telegrams were abolished. From the 1st November, 1906, the charge for additional words was reduced to ½d. each. From the 23rd September, 1915, the ordinary rate was increased from 6d. to 8d. for twelve words (“urgent” 1s. 2d.); and on the 1st August, 1920, it was further increased to 1s. for twelve words and 1d. for each additional word; (“urgent,” 2s., and 2d. for each additional letter word); Sundays and holidays, double rates. From the 1st November, 1920, there was introduced a system of night letter telegrams, to be delivered by post on the morning following the day of presentation. The rate is 1s. 6d. for thirty-six words and ½d. for each additional word.

Table No. 12.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE-EXCHANGE CONNECTIONS AT EACH TELEGRAPH ENGINEER'S DISTRICT IN THE DOMINION.

Engineer's District.	Number of Connections on 31st March,					
	1921.			1920.		
	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.	Direct Connections.	Extensions.	Total.
Auckland	19,731	3,207	22,938	17,862	2,777	20,639
Wellington	33,246	5,898	39,144	30,172	5,369	35,541
Canterbury	11,430	2,597	14,027	10,656	2,471	13,127
Otago	10,283	2,047	12,330	9,513	1,903	11,416
Totals	74,690	13,749	88,439	68,203	12,520	80,723

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