

CABLE BUSINESS.

The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1908 are shown in the following statement :—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	27,399	£ 39,838 11 7	286	£ 1,163 14 9
Australia	74,325	14,463 19 0½	856	511 5 8½
Total for 1908	101,724	54,302 10 7½	1,142	1,675 0 5½
Total for 1907	102,490	54,511 19 6	515	179 13 5

VIA EXTENSION.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	5,250	£ 6,511 19 1	94	£ 358 2 0
Australia	13,623	2,707 14 0	1,168	610 3 7
Total for 1908	18,873	9,219 13 1	1,262	968 5 7
Total for 1907	13,610	7,388 5 9	1,359	823 12 0

The Dominion's outward international and Australian cable business, not including Press, for the years 1908 and 1907 was as follows :—

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.
1908	32,649	46,350 10 8
1907	31,456	45,389 8 7
Increase	1,193 = 3.79 per cent.	£961 2 1 = 2.12 per cent.

AUSTRALIA.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.
1908	87,948	17,171 13 0½
1907	84,644	16,510 16 8
Increase	3,304 = 3.9 per cent.	£660 16 4½ = 4 per cent.

There was a total increase of 4,497 messages, and an increase of £1,621 18s. 5½d. in value.

The number of cable messages received in New Zealand during 1908, exclusive of Press, was as follows :—

PACIFIC.

	International.	Australia.
1908	17,888	51,071
1907	17,134	52,696
Increase	754	Decrease 1,625

EXTENSION.

	International.	Australia.
1908	11,518	27,400
1907	11,020	23,273
Increase	498	Increase 4,127