

CABLE BUSINESS.

The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1909 are shown in the following statement :—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.			Press.				
	Number of Messages.	Value.			Number of Messages.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
International	29,009	40,472	16	7½	329	1,034	16	6
Australia	67,639	12,580	8	7	721	256	1	5½
Total for 1909	96,648	53,053	5	2½	1,050	1,290	17	11½
Total for 1908	101,724	54,302	10	7½	1,142	1,675	0	5½

VIA EXTENSION.

Designation.	Ordinary.			Press.				
	Number of Messages.	Value.			Number of Messages.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
International	6,708	9,022	13	5½	52	248	4	9
Australia	13,104	2,539	8	10½	1,168	691	15	6½
Total for 1909	19,812	11,562	2	4	1,220	940	0	3½
Total for 1908	18,873	9,219	13	1	1,262	968	5	7

The Dominion's outward international and Australian cable business, not including Press, for the years 1909 and 1908 was as follows :—

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.
1909	35,717	49,495	10	1
1908	32,649	46,350	10	8
Increase	3,068 = 9·4 per cent.	£3,144	19	5 = 6·79 per cent.

AUSTRALIA.

	Number of Messages.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.
1909	80,743	15,119	17	5½
1908	87,948	17,171	13	0½
Decrease	7,205 = 8·19 per cent.	£2,051	15	7 = 11·95 per cent.

There was a total decrease of 4,137 messages, but an increase of £1,093 3s. 10d. in value.

The number of cable messages received in New Zealand during 1909, exclusive of Press, was as follows :—

VIA PACIFIC.

	International.	Australia.
1909	20,237	45,796
1908	17,888	51,071
Increase	2,349	Decrease 5,275

VIA EXTENSION.

	International.	Australia.
1909	12,524	26,448
1908	11,518	27,400
Increase	1,006	Decrease 952