

CABLE BUSINESS.

Hereunder are shown the number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during the financial year 1917-18, in comparison with the figures for 1916-17:—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	60,662	£ 78,061	112	£ 301
Australian	53,384	14,085	118	54
Totals for 1917-18	114,046	92,146	230	355
Totals for 1916-17	114,718	80,553	492	384

VIA EASTERN.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	38,923	£ 62,152	42	£ 58
Australian	27,395	7,516	1,274	590
Totals for 1917-18	66,318	69,668	1,316	648
Totals for 1916-17	47,790	40,915	1,423	892

The Dominion's outward International and Australian cable business, excluding Press, for the same two years was as follows:—

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value. £
1917-18	99,585	140,213
1916-17	82,582	100,752

Increase 17,003 = 20.59 per cent. 39,461 = 39.17 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN.

	Number of Messages.	Value. £
1917-18	80,779	21,601
1916-17	79,926	20,716

Increase 853 = 1.07 per cent. 885 = 4.27 per cent.

There was a total increase of 17,856 messages, and an increase in value of £40,346.