

RECEIVED CABLES.

The number of cable messages received in New Zealand during the years 1917-18 and 1916-17, exclusive of Press, was as follows:—

				VIA PACIFIC.			
				International.		Australian.	
1917-18	...	...	...	...	41,873	...	43,812
1916-17	...	...	...	...	61,234	...	47,168
	Decrease...	...	...	...	19,361	Decrease	3,356

				VIA EASTERN.			
				International.		Australian.	
1917-18	...	...	...	...	84,257	...	33,189
1916-17	...	...	...	...	34,021	...	32,105
	Increase	...	...	...	50,236	Increase	1,084

PRESS.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the past five years was,—

Year.	Forwarded.			Received.			
	Number of		Value.	Number of			
	Messages.	Words.		Messages.	Words.		
1913-14	3,846	455,175	£ 2,729	6,212	621,923
1914-15	2,732	212,120	1,390	8,056	796,352
1915-16	2,505	201,665	1,384	9,739	967,485
1916-17	1,915	161,923	1,276	8,112	851,087
1917-18	1,546	129,162	1,003	6,763	679,710

RADIO-TELEGRAMS.

The radio business transacted by the New Zealand Coast Stations during the years 1917-1918 and 1916-1917 was as follows:—

Year.	Forwarded.				Received.			
	Number of		Amount earned by New Zealand.	Total Value.	Number of		Amount earned by New Zealand.	
	Messages.	Words.			Messages.	Words.		
1917-18	...	...	£ 1,347	£ 3,082	4,338	73,050	£ 1,781
1916-17	...	...	1,413	3,023	4,651	73,149	1,697
	167	3,479	66	59	313	99	84	
	Decrease.	Decrease.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Decrease.	Increase.	

The number of radio messages shows a decrease of 5.53 and 6.73 per cent. on the forwarded and received traffic respectively. The amount earned by New Zealand shows a decrease of 4.67 per cent. on the forwarded traffic, and an increase of 4.95 per cent. on the received traffic.