

CABLE BUSINESS.

Hereunder are shown the number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during the financial year 1918-19, in comparison with the figures for 1917-18:—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	45,798	£ 82,533	275	£ 627
Australian	57,549	15,095	207	111
Totals for 1918-19	103,347	97,628	482	738
Totals for 1917-18	114,046	92,146	230	355

VIA EASTERN.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	42,030	£ 76,732	9	£ 17
Australian	28,561	8,094	1,269	549
Totals for 1918-19	70,591	84,826	1,278	566
Totals for 1917-18	66,318	69,668	1,316	648

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

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
1918-19	87,828	£ 159,265
1917-18	99,585	140,213
	Decrease 11,757 = 11·80 per cent.	Increase 19,052 = 13·58 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
1918-19	86,110	£ 23,189
1917-18	80,779	21,601
	Increase 5,331 = 6·59 per cent.	1,588 = 7·35 per cent

There was a total decrease of 6,426 messages, and an increase in value of £24,640.