

Return showing the Number of Telegrams forwarded and the Revenue derived therefrom, in the several Postal Districts, for the Ten Months ended 31st March, 1897, as compared with the Corresponding Ten Months of the previous Financial Year.

District.	Number of Telegrams forwarded.		Increase per Cent.	Revenue.			Increase per Cent.			
	1895-96, Old Rates.	1896-97, New Rates.		1895-96, Old Rates.	1896-97, New Rates.					
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Auckland	299,463	386,360	...	15,002	10	2	16,703	18	11	...
Blenheim	22,971	30,459	...	1,249	5	9½	1,364	7	7	...
Christchurch	162,849	194,254	...	9,108	11	2½	9,127	4	8	...
Dunedin	197,991	236,392	...	9,970	13	7½	10,119	15	0½	...
Gisborne	30,813	34,996	...	1,719	3	4½	1,690	7	1½	...
Greymouth	39,744	45,876	...	2,253	12	3½	2,189	15	2	...
Hokitika	15,155	20,356	...	862	4	9	974	12	1½	...
Invercargill	89,061	106,789	...	3,944	3	1	4,124	12	4½	...
Napier	87,412	108,411	...	4,873	4	3	4,928	16	7½	...
Nelson	37,057	62,809	...	1,719	8	0	1,505	0	5	...
New Plymouth	37,925	46,572	...	2,024	1	2	1,940	3	6½	...
Oamaru	21,312	24,915	...	1,364	2	1	1,299	15	8	...
Thames	66,878	108,462	...	3,603	10	6½	4,701	3	8	...
Timaru	31,957	39,650	...	1,904	5	6	1,799	4	11	...
Wanganui	75,824	92,196	...	4,064	7	0	3,816	19	4½	...
Wellington	351,653	397,436	...	13,466	14	8	13,767	16	5½	...
Westport	25,542	34,939	...	1,331	17	11	1,503	12	8	...
Totals	1,593,607	1,970,872	23·67	78,461	15	5	81,557	6	4	3·95

The number and value of cable messages forwarded during 1896 are shown in the following statement:—

Destination.	Ordinary.			Press.		
	No. of Messages.	Value.		No. of Messages.	Value.	
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
International	9,814	42,148 15 1		1	4 10 0	
New Caledonia	27	23 6 2		
New South Wales	19,590	4,282 18 1		904	472 11 10	
Queensland	1,135	382 11 7		10	2 16 9	
South Australia	1,046	324 9 9		2	0 12 2	
Tasmania	1,543	559 9 0		
Victoria	12,393	3,299 6 0		152	50 14 0	
Western Australia	1,688	661 3 5		
Total for 1896	47,236	51,681 19 1		1,069	531 4 9	
Total for 1895	38,936	35,685 5 5		1,168	433 13 0	

STATEMENT of TRAFFIC over the NEW ZEALAND-SYDNEY CABLE for the Year from the 1st May, 1896, to the 30th April, 1897, and Amounts payable by Guaranteeing Colonies.

Amount guaranteed to Cable Company	£ 20,000
Actual receipts during the above period	16,144
Showing a loss to the Cable Company of	<u>£3,856</u>
Apportioned as follows:—	
New Zealand, one-third	1,285
Contributing colonies, including New Zealand, two-thirds	2,571
	<u>£3,856</u>