

UNDER THE AGREEMENT OF 1895.

Contributing Colonies.	Year 1895-96.			Year 1896-97.			Year 1897-98.			Year 1898-99.			Year 1899-1900.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Zealand	2,693	2	7	1,752	10	9	1,490	7	7	1,163	2	2	529	1	11	7,628	5	0
Victoria	1,320	16	9	859	18	8	684	18	0	526	4	8	239	5	7	3,631	3	8
New South Wales ..	1,311	7	6	853	15	5	679	19	10	522	9	4	237	11	3	3,605	3	4
Queensland* .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	188	6	1	181	13	7	82	12	2	452	11	10
South Australia ..	371	2	7	241	12	6	192	8	11	147	17	3	67	4	8	1,020	5	11
Tasmania	169	17	5	110	11	11	88	1	8	67	13	7	30	15	6	467	0	1
Western Australia ..	57	13	2	37	10	9	29	17	11	22	19	5	10	8	11	158	10	2
Total contributions to Guarantee Fund	5,924	0	0	3,856	0	0	3,354	0	0	2,632	0	0	1,197	0	0	16,963	0	0
Cable Company's receipts on actual business	14,076	0	0	16,144	0	0	16,646	0	0	17,368	0	0	18,803	0	0	83,037	0	0
Amount guaranteed ..	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	0	100,000	0	0

* Queensland became a contributor 7th July, 1897.

It will thus be seen that the total amount paid by New Zealand under the two guarantee agreements has been £19,074 9s. 7d., and by the other colonies £23,069 0s. 5d.

BUSINESS OVER EXISTING CABLES.

The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1899 are shown in the following statement:—

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	No. of Messages.	Value.	No. of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
International	10,335	36,881 13 9	82	829 2 8
New South Wales	28,241	5,882 11 8	1,389	903 12 4
Queensland	1,636	485 7 11	..	..
South Australia	1,470	426 18 3	..	..
Tasmania	1,667	591 10 6	..	..
Victoria	14,968	3,692 9 10	99	67 15 4
Western Australia ..	1,740	612 0 9	..	..
Total for 1899	60,057	48,572 12 8	1,570	1,800 10 4
Total for 1898	55,142	43,561 2 4	1,154	907 7 0

The following is a statement of traffic over the New Zealand-Sydney cable for the year from the 1st May, 1899, to the 30th April, 1900, and amounts payable by guaranteeing colonies:—

Amount guaranteed to Cable Company	£	s.	d.
Actual receipts during the above period	20,000	0	0
	18,802	12	6
Showing a loss to the Cable Company of	£1,197	7	6
Apportioned as follows:—	£		
New Zealand, one-third	399		
Contributing colonies, including New Zealand, two-thirds	798		
	£1,197		

And the contributing colonies' proportions, on the basis of population:—

Colony.	Population (Census, 1891).	Amount.
		£ s. d.
Victoria	1,140,405	239 5 7
New South Wales	1,132,234	237 11 3
New Zealand	620,030	130 1 11
Queensland	393,718	82 12 2
South Australia	320,431	67 4 8
Tasmania	146,667	30 15 6
Western Australia ..	49,782	10 8 11
Totals	3,803,267	£798 0 0

New Zealand's proportion was therefore £529 1s. 11d.