

CABLE BUSINESS.

Hereunder are shown the number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during the financial year 1915-16, in comparison with the figures for 1914-15:—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International ...	52,296	£ 62,638	240	£ 292
Australian ...	61,855	15,507	723	193
Totals for 1915-16 ...	114,151	78,145	963	485
Totals for 1914-15 ...	106,018	79,460	1,124	533

VIA EASTERN.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International ...	27,828	£ 37,578	22	£ 55
Australian ...	28,856	7,492	1,520	844
Totals for 1915-16 ...	56,684	45,070	1,542	899
Totals for 1914-15 ...	37,446	35,301	1,608	858

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

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value. £
1915-16 ...	80,124	100,216
1914-15 ...	59,460	95,097

Increase 20,664 = 34·75 per cent.

5,119 = 5·38 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN.

	Number of Messages.	Value. £
1915-16 ...	90,711	22,999
1914-15 ...	84,004	19,663

Increase 6,707 = 7·98 per cent.

3,336 = 16·96 per cent.

There was a total increase of 27,371 messages, and an increase in value of £8,455.