

CABLE BUSINESS.

Hereunder are shown the number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during the financial year 1916-17, in comparison with the figures for 1915-16:—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	57,429	£ 65,939	140	£ 265
Australian	57,289	14,614	352	119
Totals for 1916-17	114,718	80,553	492	384
Totals for 1915-16	114,151	78,145	963	485

VIA EASTERN.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	25,153	£ 34,813	51	£ 197
Australian	22,637	6,102	1,372	695
Totals for 1916-17	47,790	40,915	1,423	892
Totals for 1915-16	56,684	45,070	1,542	899

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

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
1916-17	82,582	£ 100,752
1915-16	80,124	100,216
Increase	2,458 = 3 per cent.	536 = 0.53 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
1916-17	79,926	£ 20,716
1915-16	90,711	22,999
Decrease	10,785 = 11.89 per cent.	2,283 = 9.92 per cent.

There was a total decrease of 8,327 messages, and a decrease in value of £1,747.