

## RECEIVED CABLES.

The number of cable messages received in New Zealand during the years 1916-17 and 1915-16, exclusive of Press, was as follows:—

VIA PACIFIC.					International.	Australian.
1916-17	...	...	...	...	61,234	47,168
1915-16	...	...	...	...	41,933	52,596
Increase	...	...	...	...	19,301	Decrease 5,428

VIA EASTERN.					International.	Australian.
1916-17	...	...	...	...	34,021	32,105
1915-16	...	...	...	...	34,187	37,844
Decrease	...	...	...	...	166	Decrease 5,739

## PRESS.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the past five years was,—

Year.					Forwarded.		Received.	
					Number of		Number of	
					Messages.	Words.	Value.	Messages.
1912-13	...	...	...	...	2,680	252,725	£ 2,161	6,004
1913-14	...	...	...	...	3,846	455,175	2,729	6,212
1914-15	...	...	...	...	2,732	212,120	1,390	8,056
1915-16	...	...	...	...	2,505	201,665	1,384	9,739
1916-17	...	...	...	...	1,915	161,923	1,276	8,112

## RADIO-TELEGRAMS.

The radio business transacted by the New Zealand Coast Stations during the years 1916-1917 and 1915-1916 was as follows:—

Year.					Forwarded.		Received.	
					Number of		Number of	
					Messages.	Words.	Messages.	Words.
1916-17	...	...	...	...	3,018	63,872	4,651	73,149
1915-16	...	...	...	...	3,076	61,759	4,666	71,291
					58	2,113	15	1,858
					Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.

The decrease in the number of radio-telegraphic messages over the previous year was 1·88 and 0·32 per cent. for the forwarded and received respectively, but there was an increase in the amount earned by New Zealand of 11·96 and 7·8 per cent. for the forwarded and received traffic respectively.