

The increases are as set out below :—

	Old Rate.	New Rate.
Telegrams (ordinary)	9d. for 12 words, and 1d. for each additional word	1s. for 12 words, and 1d. for each additional word.
Telegrams (urgent)	1s. 6d. for 12 words, and 2d. for each additional word	2s. for 12 words, and 2d. for each additional word.
Letter-telegrams (inland)	9d. for 27 words, and 1d. for each additional 3 words	1s. for 24 words, and 1d. for each additional 2 words.
Greetings telegrams : (Inland)—Christmas and New Year	6d. for 11 words, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each additional word (text transmitted free)	9d. for 12 words, and 1d. for each additional word (text transmitted free).
* Radio-telegrams originating in, or destined for New Zealand—		
(a) Exchanged between the New Zealand coast stations and ships <i>not</i> registered in Australia or New Zealand, and <i>not</i> trading exclusively between the two countries	10d. per word	11d. per word.
(b) Exchanged between the New Zealand coast stations and ships registered in Australia or New Zealand, or trading exclusively between the two countries or on the New Zealand coast	5d. per word	6d. per word.

* Amended rates took effect from 1st April, 1931.

Press telegrams : The rates for press telegrams were unaltered, but where previously all press messages lodged after 5 p.m. were charged for separately at the press rate the number of words now permitted to be charged at this rate is limited as follows :—

Morning newspapers may receive 6,000 words of inland press news charged at the press rate, each word in excess being charged $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per word. Evening newspapers may receive 1,000 words of inland press news charged at the press rate, each word in excess being charged at $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per word.

During sessions of Parliament the limits imposed after 5 p.m. are extended to 8,000 words in the case of morning newspapers and 3,000 words in the case of evening newspapers.

REDUCTION OF CABLE RATES TO GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Since the sale of the Pacific Cable undertaking by the partner Governments of Great Britain, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand to Imperial and International Communications, Ltd., New Zealand has been represented upon the Imperial Communications Advisory Committee, and every effort has been made by our representative to secure the most favourable rates for cable service between New Zealand and the United Kingdom. It is gratifying to record that from the 1st January, 1931, cable rates from New Zealand to Great Britain and Ireland were reduced as follow :—

	Old Rate.	Reduced Rate.
Full rate	1s. 11d. per word	1s. 8d. per word.
Deferred	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ per word	10d. per word.
British Government	1s. per word	10d. per word.
Daily letter	8d. per word (minimum charge, 13s. 4d.)	6d. per word (minimum charge, 10s.).
Week-end	7d. per word (minimum charge, 11s. 8d.)	5d. per word (minimum charge, 8s. 4d.).
Press	6d. per word	4d. per word.
Deferred press (via Pacific only)	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per word	3d. per word.

MACHINE PRINTING TELEGRAPHS.

The teleprinter and multiplex printing telegraph apparatus in the Dominion continues to furnish a reliable service.

The flexibility of the multiplex system and its suitability for the rapid handling of heavy traffic were particularly in evidence during the period immediately following the earthquake in Hawke's