

BUSINESS OVER EXISTING CABLES.

The number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during 1900 are shown in the following statement :—

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	No. of Messages.	Value.	No. of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
International	11,947	42,132 16 11	96	732 0 8
New South Wales	28,516	6,626 11 2	911	714 13 6
Queensland	1,496	443 5 5	...	...
South Australia	1,306	444 17 0	...	...
Tasmania	1,599	600 2 7	...	...
Victoria	15,598	4,331 16 6	27	10 10 3
Western Australia	1,813	639 16 6	...	...
Total for 1900	62,275	55,219 6 1	1,034	1,457 4 5
Total for 1899	60,057	48,572 12 8	1,570	1,800 10 4

The colony's outward international and intercolonial cable business, not including Press, for the years 1899 and 1900 was as follows :—

International,—			Messages. Number.	Value. £ s. d.
1900	...	...	11,947	42,132 16 11
1899	...	...	10,335	36,881 13 9
Increase	...	...	1,612	5,251 3 2
			or 15.60 per cent.	or 14.24 per cent.

Intercolonial,—			Messages. Number.	Value. £ s. d.
1900	...	...	50,328	13,086 9 2
1899	...	...	49,722	11,690 18 11
Increase	...	...	606	1,395 10 3
			or 1.22 per cent.	or 11.94 per cent.

The total increase in 1900 was therefore 2,218 messages, and £6,646 13s. 5d. in value.

The forwarded and received cable Press business for the past ten years ended 31st December, 1900, has been :—

Year.	Forwarded.			Received.		
	Number of		Value.	Number of		Value.
	Messages.	Words.		Messages.	Words.	
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
1891	837	45,285	932 15 8	2,828	198,935	2,739 6 0
1892	791	44,263	898 3 9	2,884	197,477	2,796 9 4
1893	796	57,390	504 9 9	2,883	202,170	1,540 17 10
1894	994	103,366	899 4 9	3,033	203,326	1,179 13 7
1895	1,168	68,682	433 13 0	3,926	314,136	1,782 13 5
1896	1,069	92,946	531 4 9	2,946	285,369	1,576 1 3
1897	1,294	128,839	945 4 8	3,665	323,617	1,752 7 5
1898	1,154	133,342	907 7 0	3,599	282,882	1,599 7 0
1899	1,570	182,066	1,800 10 4	3,822	298,218	1,690 12 4
1900	1,034	139,295	1,457 4 5	4,014	333,300	1,878 9 1

NOTE.—The intercolonial cable Press rate was reduced from 3d. to 1d. per word on the 1st April, 1893.