

CABLE BUSINESS.

Hereunder is shown the number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during the financial year 1913-14, in comparison with the figures for 1912-13:—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	37,841	£ s. d. 46,987 7 7	323	£ s. d. 339 16 9
Australian	66,797	13,089 12 1	1,488	593 16 3
Totals for 1913-14 ...	104,638	60,076 19 8	1,811	933 13 0
Totals for 1912-13 ...	99,617	55,444 12 7½	1,106	1,076 17 8½

VIA EASTERN.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International	15,018	£ s. d. 21,414 17 7½	47	£ s. d. 48 4 2
Australian	23,005	4,127 13 1½	1,988	1,746 17 7
Totals for 1913-14 ...	38,023	25,542 10 9	2,035	1,795 1 9
Totals for 1912-13 ...	40,680	23,899 10 3	1,574	1,084 11 7½

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

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.
1913-14	52,859	68,402 5 2½
1912-13	46,780	61,876 6 0
Increase	6,079 = 13 per cent.	6,525 19 2½ = 10·5 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.
1913-14	89,802	17,217 5 2½
1912-13	93,517	17,467 16 10½
Decrease	3,715 = 3·97 per cent.	250 11 8 = 1·4 per cent.

There was a total increase of 2,364 messages, and an increase in value of £6,275 7s. 6½d.