

CABLE BUSINESS.

Hereunder are shown the number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during the financial year 1914-15, in comparison with the figures for 1913-14:—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.					Ordinary.		Press.	
					Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
						£		£
International	...	...	...	...	42,461	64,682	210	243
Australian	...	...	...	...	63,557	14,778	914	290
Totals for 1914-15					106,018	79,460	1,124	533
Totals for 1913-14					104,638	60,077	1,811	934

VIA EASTERN.

Destination.					Ordinary.		Press.	
					Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
						£		£
International	...	...	...	...	16,999	30,416	24	33
Australian	...	...	...	...	20,447	4,885	1,584	825
Totals for 1914-15					37,446	35,301	1,608	858
Totals for 1913-14					38,023	25,543	2,035	1,795

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

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.			Value. £		
1914-15	...	...	59,460	...	...	95,097
1913-14	...	...	52,859	...	...	68,402
Increase			6,601 = 12·5 per cent.		26,695 = 39 per cent.	

AUSTRALIAN.

	Number of Messages.			Value. £		
1914-15	...	...	84,004	...	...	19,663
1913-14	...	...	89,802	...	...	17,217
Decrease			5,798 = 6·45 per cent.		Inc. 2,446 = 14·2 per cent.	

There was a total increase of 803 messages, and an increase in value of £29,141.