

CABLE BUSINESS.

Hereunder are shown the number and value of cable messages forwarded from New Zealand during the financial year 1919-20, in comparison with the figures for 1918-19:—

VIA PACIFIC.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International...	62,286	£ 110,947	302	£ 615
Australian ...	77,486	19,455	644	221
Totals for 1919-20	139,772	130,402	946	836
Totals for 1918-19	103,347	97,628	482	738

VIA EASTERN.

Destination.	Ordinary.		Press.	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
International...	28,822	£ 52,619	22	£ 40
Australian ...	40,010	10,375	1,745	714
Totals for 1919-20	68,832	62,994	1,767	754
Totals for 1918-19	70,591	84,826	1,278	566

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

INTERNATIONAL.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
1919-20	91,108	£ 163,565
1918-19	87,828	159,265

Increase 3,280 = 3·73 per cent.

Increase 4,300 = 2·7 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN.

	Number of Messages.	Value.
1919-20	117,496	£ 29,830
1918-19	86,110	23,189

Increase 31,386 = 36·45 per cent.

6,641 = 28·64 per cent.

There was a total increase of 34,666 messages, and an increase in value of £10,941.