

We are proud to welcome you as a patriot, statesman, and friend, and are deeply grateful for the unflinching support you have given us in the prosecution of the unhappy war still raging in South Africa, thus cementing the ties of our common brotherhood, the unity of our great Empire, and the kinship of its scattered colonies.

We sincerely trust that your brief visit to these colonies will not be without its influence for good, and that the intending Conference of colonial Premiers in London will tend to the further consolidation of the Empire and the mutual good of all classes of colonists.

Trusting that you and your family, and the other members of your distinguished party, will return in improved health, and with renewed vigour of mind and body, to continue your labours in the future as you have done in the past.

For the working-classes,

THOMAS HARRIS, Chairman.

E. G. GLASS, Hon. Sec.

William Smith.

E. J. Farqher.

Donald Matson Chettle.

Tom Carey.

Francis Sewell.

Thomas Dixon.

John Carver.

William Rosslind.

Joseph Twomey.

A. Broster.

Alexander Calder.

Cape Town, 26th May, 1902.

The Right Honourable R. J. Seddon, P.C., Cape Town.

RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR,—

On this the occasion of your visit to South Africa, on your way to England to represent New Zealand at the coronation ceremony, we, the undersigned New-Zealanders at present resident in Salisbury, Rhodesia, take this opportunity of expressing our high appreciation of the spirit in which you have displayed to the world the unswerving loyalty of the Colony of New Zealand to the Mother-country. It has also been a source of extreme gratification to us to note the prompt and effective manner in which you have replied to the calumnies appearing in the columns of the Continental Press. That you may long be spared in your present sphere of activity to carry on the work of Imperialism you have so ably inaugurated is our sincere wish.

We are, &c.,

J. B. Macdonald.

A. TuHoch.

V. Finlayson.

W. S. Macdonald.

E. A. Burgess.

Wm. B. Parker.

W. W. Shelmerdine.

J. Honan.

T. B. Caygill.

W. D. Williamson.

H. J. Ponsonby.

A. Topp.

W. G. Whittington.

A. Siggins.

A. Caygill.

John H. Smith.

D. Wight.

E. Scott.

John de Pay Birch.

“ KIA ORA ; AKE, AKE.”

To the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C.

SIR,—

We, the undersigned residents of Port Elizabeth and district, Cape Colony, and formerly of New Zealand, desire to extend to you a most hearty welcome to the shores of this our adopted country.

We wish to express to you our appreciation of the loyal and patriotic manner in which New Zealand's sons came to the aid of this country in its hour of direst need. They have acquitted themselves in a manner which places them in the very front rank of the King's soldiers, and we are proud of them, and of you, sir, the Prime Minister of our country.

We have watched with much pride and pleasure the patriotism and true Imperial spirit at all times exhibited by you in the interests of the Empire.

We much regret that time will not permit you to visit this most important centre of South Africa, so that we could have done honour to you in a befitting manner, but we trust that the time will not be far distant when you will honour Port Elizabeth with a visit.

We wish you god-speed on your journey to England and a safe return to the country you so honourably represent, and we pray you may be long spared to rule over the destinies of New Zealand.

J. F. WARD, Chairman of Meeting.

Jno. S. Neave.

A. Stocker,

F. F. Powell.

M. Walpole.

Lieut. 2nd Tas. I.B.

Frank P. Cole.

H. Louis Bourn,

Geo. H. Calder.

A. D. Barber.

Capt. 3rd N.Z.M.R.

Robert W. T. Shaw.

H. W. Shackleh.

H. B. Stack.

John Gibson Anderson.

Fred G. Erdis.

L. E. Brathwaite.

J. E. Doitsh.

NEW ZEALAND SONS OF EMPIRE.

*Contingents who have come to South Africa.*

[Here follow details of contingents sent by New Zealand, totalling 357 officers and 6,154 non-commissioned officers and men.]

On the left side of the address are the following extracts from Mr. Seddon's speeches:—

["If eight or nine contingents are not enough, there shall be ten. If European complications throw upon the colonies the duty of holding Africa, there would be twenty."]

["We," said Mr. Seddon, "defend you when absent; you must defend the honour of the colony and Empire." "I wish you to remember wherever you are that you are New-Zealanders." "Wherever you go preserve the good name that has been gained, so that whoever shall speak of the New Zealand contingents shall be able to say that the men behaved as gentlemen." "To them I would say, 'You have been chosen, and in your hands lies the honour of your country, which I feel certain you will serve faithfully and well.'" "I would say to the Imperial authori-