

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

OF

CONDOLENCE

ON THE DEATH OF

THE RIGHT HON. R. J. SEDDON.



WELLINGTON.

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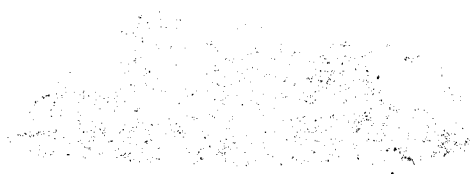
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SESSION II.
1906.
NEW ZEALAND.

DEATH OF THE RIGHT HON. R. J. SEDDON

(LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS OF CONDOLENCE ON THE).

HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

The SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

(Telegram.)

London, 12th June, 1906.

I AM commanded by His Majesty to convey to you the expression of the deep regret with which he has received the intelligence of the death of the Prime Minister of New Zealand. His Majesty is assured that the loyal and distinguished services which Mr. Seddon has rendered during his long tenure of office will secure for his name a permanent place among the statesmen who have most zealously aided in fostering the sentiment of kinship on which the unity of the Empire depends.

ELGIN.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Queen ALEXANDRA to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

London, 12th June, 1906.

ACCEPT the deepest sympathy in your overwhelming sorrow, which the whole of England shares.

Queen ALEXANDRA.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR, New Zealand.

(Telegram.)

13th June, 1906.

HEARTILY join with New Zealand in deeply lamenting loss sustained by death of Mr. Seddon, who has done so much for the country and the Empire.

GEORGE P.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The PRINCE and PRINCESS OF WALES to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

London, 12th June, 1906.

THE Princess of Wales and I are deeply grieved at your irreparable loss. We shall never forget your dear husband's kindness to us in New Zealand.

GEORGE P.

THE KING OF TONGA.

His Majesty the KING OF TONGA to the GOVERNOR, New Zealand.

(Telegram.)

The Palace, Nukualofa, Tonga, 14th July, 1906.

His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand, Wellington.

His Majesty the King of Tonga wishes to convey to the New Zealand Government his profound regret through their very great loss owing to the sudden death of the late Premier, a great loss not only to the colony whose affairs he so ably conducted for so many years, but his death is deeply felt by the whole of the British Empire.

GEORGE TUBOU II.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

The SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR, New Zealand.

(Telegram.)

London, 12th June, 1906.

His Majesty's Government have received with greatest regret news of death of Prime Minister of New Zealand. Please convey to Mrs. Seddon expressions of my deepest sympathy and to people of New Zealand our sense of the loss which they and we all have sustained by the removal of a statesman so distinguished in the history of the colony and the Empire.

ELGIN.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR, New Zealand, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

Government House,

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

Memorandum for the Acting-Premier.

THE Governor has received with great sorrow the Hon. W. Hall-Jones's memorandum of the 11th instant.

His Excellency joins with his Ministers and the people of New Zealand in deeply mourning the loss of his principal Adviser and a great statesman of the Empire.

PLUNKET, Governor.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)

To Governor of New Zealand.

12th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the people of Australia, Parliament, Ministers of the Commonwealth, and myself I have to request you to convey to the people of New Zealand our profound sympathy in the loss to them, to Australia, and to the Empire occasioned by the sudden death of their Prime Minister. Our whole community has been shocked by the news of the death of one so lately our guest while devoting himself apparently with inexhaustible energy and spirit to the completion of projects having for their objects the increased welfare of the people of his country and the Commonwealth. His services to New Zealand are as well known here as they are valued at their high worth among the people with and for whom his life was spent. They are appreciated not only on this side of the world where his work chiefly lay, but in distant dominions where his intense patriotism and humanitarian principles, admiration for which is limited by no political boundary, have made him famous among the masterful Empire builders of our times. Taken suddenly from the midst of important duties, his great place in your community will be impossible to fill. Yet his memory will be an example to his successors of the vast good that can be accomplished by the exercise of great ability and earnestness of purpose, animated by love for the Empire and his fellow-citizens.

NORTHCOTE, Governor-General.

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD NORTHCOTE.

(Telegram.)

11th June, 1906.

HAVE heard with deepest regret sad news of Mr. Seddon's death. All Australia mourns the great loss New Zealand has sustained, and offers expressions of profound sympathy with family of deceased statesman.

NORTHCOTE, Governor-General.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMIRAL, AUSTRALIAN STATION.

The ADMIRAL AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, Australian Station, to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

(Telegram.)

June, 1906.

ARRIVED Suva to-day. Please convey to your Government my sense of loss they and the colony have sustained. Request your Excellency ask them convey to Mrs. Seddon and family my great sympathy in their irreparable loss.

ADMIRAL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Telegram.)

11th June, 1906.

DEEPLY sympathize with Government and people of New Zealand in the sad death of Mr. Seddon.

GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Government and myself desire to express to Your Excellency and to New Zealand our deepest sympathy in the great loss occasioned by the death of Mr. Seddon, who has been so recently amongst us.

TALBOT, Governor of Victoria.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)

11th June, 1906.

EXTREMELY sorry to hear of the death at sea of your Premier, who recently visited Adelaide.

LE HUNTE, Governor, South Australia.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR, South Australia, to the PREMIER, New South Wales.

(Telegram.)

June, 1906.

EXTREMELY sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, who had just left Sydney. May I ask you to convey my deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family. I was away when they visited Adelaide.

LE HUNTE.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF WEST AUSTRALIA, ETC.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR, Admiral BEDFORD, PREMIER, MEMBERS OF MINISTRY, PARLIAMENT, and PEOPLE, WEST AUSTRALIA, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Perth, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of His Excellency Governor, Admiral Bedford, members of Ministry, Parliament, and people of West Australia, desire to extend our sympathy in the great national loss New Zealand has sustained in the death of your Prime Minister, Mr. Seddon.

NEWTON MOORE, Premier.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND.

(Telegram.)

SINCEREST sympathy from myself, my Government, and people of Queensland for great loss sustained by New Zealand.

11th June, 1906.

CHELMSFORD, Governor of Queensland.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF FIJI.

(Telegram.)

PLEASE express in proper quarters Fiji's regret and mine at death of Richard Seddon.

13th June, 1906.

GOVERNOR, Fiji.

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD SELBORNE, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF SOUTH AFRICA.

(Telegram.)

MY Governments of Orange River Colony and Transvaal wish to unite with me in expressions of deep regret at death of Mr. Seddon, and sympathy with people of New Zealand. I am sure that the other Governments of South Africa, with whom I have not yet had time to communicate, will wish to join with me also in expressing our sense of the great loss the Empire has sustained.

SELBORNE.

COLONIAL PREMIERS.

The PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

HAVE learned with inexpressible amazement and grief the terrible and unforeseen misfortune that has overtaken you, and with you, the people of Australasia. Ministers of the Commonwealth, on behalf of all its citizens, deeply lament our deprivation of one who by his devotion to his country, earnest patriotism, and unwavering self-sacrifice, had made himself known and appreciated throughout the whole Empire. At this moment it is impossible to do justice to the claims which he has established by a long life bravely spent up to the very moment of his decease in the public service. His statesmanship, force of character, remarkable foresight, and sound judgment enabled him to retain power for a long period and to employ his great abilities without stint or interruption to the lasting benefit of his fellow-citizens. Unhappily, as it now appears, though seeming to accomplish his tasks with inexhaustible energy and unfailing powers, he did so at the cost of a premature close of a strenuous life. His recent visit to Australia and the close personal relations which it renewed between himself and many of us further contributes to enhance a public regret in itself poignant and profound. His warmth of heart and wealth of nature endeared him alike to those who were privileged to meet him personally and to scores of thousands who honoured him as the gallant standard-bearer of a wise and progressive policy of humanism. To you and your household a shock so overwhelming must be beyond any consolation we can offer, nevertheless the sympathies of our whole people go out to you in your affliction, with the hope and prayer that in the mercy of Providence you may all be enabled to sustain the grievous weight of this personal and national calamity.

ALFRED DEAKIN.

The ACTING PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

MINISTERS were greatly shocked to hear the sad news that our dear chief had passed away. For the sake of those who are left be courageous. He always spoke lovingly of the great help you had been to him in the past, and I am sure he would wish you to accept God's will, and, though hard, to say, "Thy will, not mine, be done." Your dear ones here, though heartbroken, are bearing their trouble bravely.

WM. HALL-JONES.

The PREMIER, Victoria, to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

DEEPLY sympathize with you, and family in your sudden and sad bereavement.

THOMAS BENT, Premier.

The PREMIER, South Australia, to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Adelaide, 11th June, 1906.

THIS Government regrets to hear of the sad death of your husband, and desires to express its deepest sympathy with you and yours in your great affliction.

THOMAS PRICE, Premier.

PRIME MINISTER, Canada, to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Ottawa, 13th June, 1906.

ALLOW me to offer you the sincere expressions of my condolence in the bereavement which has so suddenly fallen on you. Your sorrow will be shared by millions of men all over the British Empire.

WILFRID LAURIER.

The PREMIER, New South Wales, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting Prime Minister, Wellington.

Sydney, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the people of this State I wish to tender to New Zealand Government and people our profound sympathy in great loss sustained by death of Mr. Seddon.

J. H. CARRUTHERS, Premier.

The PREMIER, Victoria, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT sincerest sympathy in great loss which New Zealand has sustained by sad death of Mr. Seddon.

THOMAS BENT, Premier.

The PREMIER, South Australia, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Adelaide, 11th June, 1906.

THIS Government regrets to hear of the sad death of your Premier, and desires to express the deepest sympathy with you and your people in your great affliction.

THOMAS PRICE, Premier.

The PREMIER, Tasmania, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Hobart, 11th June, 1906.

CONVEY to New Zealand people Tasmania's profound sympathy and condolence for them in their bereavement. Mr. Seddon's death is an Imperial loss.

EVANS, Premier.

The PREMIER, South Australia, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting Prime Minister, Wellington.

Adelaide, 21st June, 1906.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA stands with you at the grave to pay the last honour to your late and lamented great leader and statesman, Richard John Seddon.

PRICE, Premier.

The PREMIER, Western Australia, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

11th June.

WOULD be thankful if you would, on behalf of my Government, express to Mrs. Seddon and members of family our heartfelt sympathy in the hour of their great sorrow. In the event of any funeral obsequies, Sydney, would you kindly arrange for a member of your Cabinet to represent this State and for a wreath on behalf of my Government.

NEWTON MOORE, Premier.

The PREMIER, Queensland, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

11th June, 1906.

I SHARE your grief for Mr. Seddon, and have sent, care of you, a telegram of condolence with Mrs. Seddon, which please see that she gets. What do you propose to do? Surely you could arrange for a public funeral as far as the steamer which is to convey the remains to New Zealand. In that case Queensland might be represented by a suitable person—if possible a Queenslander or ex-Queenslander chosen by you. Could you place on coffin a wreath inscribed "Queensland mourns."

W. KIDSTON.

The PREMIER, Tasmania, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

11th June.

MANY thanks for your telegram. Shall be obliged if you will personally convey to Mrs. Seddon and family, on behalf of the people of Tasmania, our most profound sympathy for them in their sad bereavement. New Zealand's incalculable loss will be shared by her sister-colonies in Australia.

J. W. EVANS, Premier.

The PREMIER, Capetown, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting Prime Minister, Wellington.

Capetown, 11th June, 1906.

I OFFER my deepest sympathy in the loss that New Zealand has sustained in the death of its prominent statesman.

PREMIER.

The PREMIER, Natal, to the Hon. Sir J. G. WARD, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, Wellington.

Pietermaritzburg, 12th June, 1906.

MINISTERS have received with deepest regret the cable information of Mr. Seddon's death, and they wish to express through you their sense of the great loss which New Zealand and the Empire have sustained in the death of this eminent statesman.

PREMIER, Natal.

NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Extract from the Journals of the Legislative Council, Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1906.

Resolved, "That this Council records its high sense of the devoted and distinguished services rendered to New Zealand and to the Empire by the late Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and of the loss the colony has sustained by his death; and respectfully tenders to Mrs. Seddon and her family the assurance of its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement."

CHAS. C. BOWEN,

Speaker.

A true extract.—L. STOWE, Clerk, Legislative Council.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives, Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1906.

Resolved, "That this House desires to place on record its high sense of the devoted and distinguished services rendered to New Zealand and to the Empire by the late Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and of the loss the colony has sustained by his death; and respectfully tenders to Mrs. Seddon and her family the assurance of its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement."

A. R. GUINNESS,

Speaker.

A true extract.—H. OTTERSON, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTS.

The SPEAKER, Federal House of Representatives, to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Melbourne, 12th June, 1906.

I BEG to inform you that the House of Representatives at its meeting this day passed the following resolution: "That this House places on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Right Honourable R. J. Seddon, and expresses its deep sympathy with his family and the people of New Zealand." The House then adjourned out of respect to Mr. Seddon's memory. May I be permitted also to tender my sincerest sympathy with yourself and family.

F. W. HOLDER, Speaker, Federal Parliament House.

The PRESIDENT, Legislative Council, Victoria, to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

DEEPLY sympathize with you in your great bereavement.

H. G. WRIXON,

President, Legislative Council, Victoria.

The VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT to Mrs. SEDDON.

MADAM,—

State Parliament House, Melbourne, 30th June, 1906.

I have the honour, with deep respect, to forward to you herewith a resolution which was passed by the Legislative Assembly of Victoria on Wednesday last, the first day of the meeting of the Parliament of this State after the recess.

I venture to express the hope that the deep appreciation of the noble qualities and devoted patriotism of your distinguished husband which has been shown throughout the Empire may be some solace to you and to your children in your affliction.

I am, &c.,

FRANK MADDEN, Speaker.

Mrs. Richard John Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

VICTORIA.—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Votes and Proceedings, Wednesday, 27th June, 1906.

"14. *Death of the Right Honourable Richard John Seddon.*—*Mr. Bent moved*, 'That this House places on its records the sorrow and regret which is felt at the great loss which the Colony of

New Zealand and the Empire have sustained by the death of the Right Honourable Richard John Seddon, P.C., the Prime Minister of New Zealand, whose great career and splendid public services endeared him to all classes.'

"Debate ensued.

"Question put, and resolved in the affirmative.

"Mr. Bent moved, 'That the Clerk be directed to enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was passed unanimously.'

"Question put, and resolved in the affirmative."

FRANK MADDEN, Speaker.

Certified.—THOS. G. WATSON, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

The SPEAKER, South Australian Assembly, to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Adelaide, 12th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the House of Assembly I beg to tender you and your family sincere sympathy on the loss of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon.

JENKIN COLES, Speaker.

The SPEAKER, Federal House of Representatives, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Federal Parliament House,

Melbourne, 12th June, 1906.

I BEG to inform you that the House of Representatives at its meeting this day passed the following resolution: "That this House places on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and expresses its deep sympathy with his family and the people of New Zealand." The House then adjourned out of respect to Mr. Seddon's memory.

F. W. HOLDER, Speaker.

The LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, Adelaide, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Adelaide, 12th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the House of Assembly, I beg to tender you and your colony sincere sympathy in the loss you have sustained through the death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon.

JENKIN COLES, Speaker.

The SPEAKER, Legislative Assembly, Western Australia, to the Hon. the PREMIER, New Zealand.

SIR,—

Perth, W.A., 28th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that on the first day of the meeting of Parliament, 21st instant, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That this House places on record its profound regret at the death of the Right Honourable R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and expresses its deep sympathy with his family and the people of New Zealand."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, New Zealand.

F. QUINLAN, Speaker.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

London, 13th June, 1906.

WIFE and self offer our deep and heartfelt sympathy with you in your terrible loss.

REEVES, High Commissioner.

The HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 12th June, 1906.

NEED not say with what deep sorrow I have received news of the death of our old friend and chief. He died as he lived, like a brave man, not sparing himself and working to the last.

REEVES.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN CONSULS.

The CONSUL-GENERAL FOR AMERICA to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of my Government, I tender you sincere heartfelt sympathy.

JOHN P. BRAY, American Consul-General.

AMERICAN CONSUL, Sydney, to Mrs. SEDDON.

American Consular Service,

DEAR MADAM,—

Sydney, New South Wales, 14th June, 1906.

As the reputation of your lamented husband is world-wide, and his loss is a loss to the world, permit me, as the representative of the American Government at Sydney, to offer to you my deepest sympathy in the loss which you have sustained, and my sincere prayer that the God who rules all our affairs might bring to your heart such comfort as will best subserve you.

I have, &c.,

ORLANDO H. BAKER, American Consul.

Mrs. Richard Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

The DANISH CONSUL to Mrs. SEDDON.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

On behalf of all the Danes resident in New Zealand, I beg leave to express their sorrow at the death of Mr. Seddon, and their sympathy with his family.

I have, &c.,

H. D. BELL,

Consul for Denmark.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

The CONSUL-GENERAL FOR GERMANY to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

KINDLY accept our heartfelt sympathy with all of you in your very sad bereavement.

CONSUL-GENERAL BOSSCHART AND FAMILY.

The CONSUL-GENERAL FOR JAPAN in Australia to Mrs. SEDDON.

DEAR MADAM,—

H.I. Japanese Majesty's Consulate-General, Sydney, 11th June, 1906.

I was shocked beyond measure to hear the sad news this morning of your deplorable and irreparable loss.

The suddenness of the stroke which has at once deprived you of a loving husband, and the world one of its most prominent statesmen, must intensify the feeling of universal sympathy which such an event would have provoked, even had it happened under the least distressing circumstances.

Pray accept for yourself and family my most sincere and heartfelt condolences.

I have, &c.,

K. IWASAKI, Acting Consul-General.

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

The CONSUL-IN-CHIEF FOR SPAIN to Mrs. SEDDON.

MADAM,—

Wellington, 3rd July, 1906.

I have received instructions from the Consul-in-Chief for Spain at Melbourne, to convey to you his deep sympathy in your irreparable calamity, whereby New Zealand has lost so great a statesman and the world so noble an example.

I have, &c.,

A. H. TURNBULL, Vice-Consul for Spain.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

The CONSUL FOR PARAGUAY to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 15th June, 1906.

I BEG you and family to accept deepest sympathy in loss of your illustrious husband.

A. E. KERNOT, Consul for Paraguay.

The AMERICAN CONSUL-GENERAL to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 13th June, 1906.

NEW ZEALAND and the bereaved family of the distinguished statesman departed have the heartfelt sympathy of the American people.

WILLIAM A. PRICKETT,

American Consul-General.

The AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN CONSUL to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 13th June, 1906.

ON behalf of myself and the Austro-Hungarian residents of this colony, I beg to express my deepest sorrow at the irreparable loss sustained by the people of New Zealand in the sudden death of its noble Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

C. LANGGUTH,

Austro-Hungarian Consul.

The FRENCH CONSUL to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 11th June, 1906.

I HAVE learnt with deepest sorrow the sad news of the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and beg to express to the people and Government of New Zealand my most sincere condolences at the irreparable loss of the great Premier.

BOEUFVE, French Consul.

The AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL, Sydney, to the ACTING PRIME MINISTER.

SIR,—

13th June, 1906.

ON occasion of the lamented death of the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, permit me to convey to your Government my expression of deepest condolence and sympathy at the irreparable loss of New Zealand's great statesman and patriot.

I have, &c.,

FORSTER,

Acting Consul-General for the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

The CONSUL-GENERAL OF BELGIUM, Australasia, to the ACTING-PREMIER, New Zealand.

SIR,—

Melbourne, 12th June, 1906.

It was with a feeling of profound regret that I heard of the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon.

I beg to extend my deep sympathy in this sudden and sad bereavement.

I have, &c.,

F. HUYLEBROECK,

Consul-General of Belgium for Australasia.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington, New Zealand.

The CONSUL-GENERAL FOR HONDURAS to the ACTING-PREMIER, New Zealand.

La Republica de Honduras Consulado-General en Australia y Neuva Zealandia,

SIR,—

Sydney, 18th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Consul-General for Honduras to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family and to your people his deepest and heartfelt sympathy in your late sad bereavement by the loss of the Hon. R. J. Seddon, your predecessor, and whose loss to them and New Zealand will only be repaired by the effluxion of a very long time.

I have, &c.,

C. TARTAKOVER, Secretario.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

The BRITISH CONSUL, Noumea, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

DEAR SIR,—

Noumea, 21st June, 1906.

Kindly allow me to convey my sincere condolence and regrets at the sudden demise of your late chief and Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon. New Zealand will miss the grand old gentleman, and one can hardly realise the fact that he has ceased to be a part of our colonial Empire policy.

Yours, &c.,

THOS. MANING,

Vice-Consul de S.M. Britannique à Noumea.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Hon. W. M. BOLT to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Dunedin, 16th June, 1906.

FROM a full heart, my wife and I offer you and the family our deepest and tenderest sympathy.

W. M. BOLT.

The Hon. C. C. BOWEN to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Christchurch, 13th June, 1906.

MY family and I desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with you and your family in your grief for an irreparable loss.

CHARLES C. BOWEN.

The Hon. H. FELDWICK to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Invercargill, 11th June, 1906.

HEARTFELT sympathy deep affliction.

HENRY FELDWICK.

The Hon. B. HARRIS to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 13th June, 1906.

ACCEPT my sincere sympathy for you and family in this severe sad trial. We are really sad here. but hope you will have sufficient strength left to bear your part. We mourn for a great good man.

B. HARRIS.

The Hon. T. K. MACDONALD to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

WE cannot express our deep grief and sorrow, and how our hearts go out to you in sympathy in these sad hours.

KENNEDY and FRANCES R. MACDONALD.

The Hon. GEO. McLEAN to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Dunedin, 15th June, 1906.

HOPE you will accept from me assurance of my heartfelt sympathy in your own and family's bereavement in the loss of good husband and father remarkable for the affection he entertained for you all—a noble example to others. Great statesman worthy to be held in great honour and esteem by the people.

GEO. McLEAN.

The Hon. R. H. J. REEVES to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.
MAY God help you in your dire affliction.

Nelson, 11th June, 1906.

RICHARD REEVES.

The Hon. T. THOMPSON to Captain SEDDON.

(Telegram.)
Captain Seddon, Wellington.
MY heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and other members of the family in the sad bereavement.
The death of my late chief is a public calamity.

Auckland, 11th June, 1906.

T. THOMPSON.

The Hon. F. TRASK to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.
WE cannot express our sorrow and heartfelt sympathy.

Nelson, 11th June, 1906.

TRASK.

The Hon. W. M. BOLT to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.
AM inexpressibly distressed at sad news you conveyed. The Empire has lost great patriot, the colony devoted servant, and all of us a steadfast friend.

Dunedin, 11th June, 1906.

W. M. BOLT.

The Hon. A. BALDEY to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.
WITH deep sorrow I read the contents of your telegram, and truly sympathise with you and other Ministers of the Crown in the great loss the Cabinet has sustained by the death of so kind and able a leader as our late lamented Premier.

Molesworth Street, Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

ALFRED BALDEY.

The Hon. W. BEEHAN to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.
I HASTEN to condole with you and colleagues consequent on the awfully sudden death of the Right Hon. the Premier. He was my best friend.

Auckland, 11th June, 1906.

W. BEEHAN.

The Hon. H. FELDWICK to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.
SAD news of the Premier's death was received here with deepest regret by myself and the whole community.

Invercargill, 11th June, 1906.

HENRY FELDWICK.

The Hon. F. H. FRASER to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.
RECEIVED memo. with profound sorrow. Deeply deplore the loss of our illustrious and beloved Premier.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

FRANCIS H. FRASER.

The Hon. T. KELLY to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.
THE news of the sudden death of our great and lamented chief fills me with profound sorrow. I feel assured, however, that his name will live in history as one who, by the passing of humane laws, has conferred lasting benefits on the people of the colony.

Bell Block, 12th June, 1906.

THOMAS KELLY.

The Hon. W. KELLY to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.
I REGRET exceedingly the sad news of your telegram. The sudden death of our Premier has cast a gloom over the nation after his manifestation of triumph on behalf of New Zealand during his tour through Australia. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Seddon and family by both Maoris and Europeans in their sad bereavement.

Maketu, 13th June, 1906.

WM. KELLY.

The Hon. C. LOUISSON to the Hon. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.
ACCEPT for yourself and colleagues my profound sympathy on the loss you and the colony have sustained.

Dunedin, 11th June, 1906.

CHARLES LOUISSON.

The Hon. MAHUTA to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Huntly, 12th June, 1906.

GREETINGS. It is with deep regret that I have to acknowledge receipt of your telegram informing me of the death of our Premier, Mr. Seddon.

MAHUTA.

The Hon. JAMES MARSHALL to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Totara Flat, 12th June, 1906.

ACCEPT and convey to colleagues my heartfelt sympathy through sudden death of our dear old friend. The loss is irreparable. May God in His mercy be with the bereaved ones.

JAMES MARSHALL.

The Hon. D. PINKERTON to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Dunedin, 12th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family my heartfelt sympathy for them in their sad bereavement. New Zealand has lost her best and ablest statesman. His name will ever be remembered with honour and respect in British territory. Those of us who were privileged to meet him periodically have lost a true and valued friend.

D. PINKERTON.

The Hon. R. H. J. REEVES to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Nelson, 11th June, 1906.

IN common with all New Zealand, and I may say the Empire, I deeply mourn our irreparable loss of our old and dear friend.

RICHARD REEVES.

The Hon. JOHN RIGG to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Weraroa, 13th June, 1906.

YOUR memo. reached me yesterday. I learned with deep regret of the death of the Premier: in his works he has built himself a monument that will endure.

JOHN RIGG.

The Hon. H. WIGRAM to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Christchurch, 12th June, 1906.

THANKS for your telegram. I desire offer my sympathy to yourself and your colleagues in the loss we have all sustained.

HENRY WIGRAM.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. J. F. ARNOLD to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Mornington, 16th June, 1906.

KINDLY accept my heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement; your loss in indeed heavy, and none but your dear husband's God can strengthen you. It must be a great consolation to know that he did his duty to, and was beloved by the whole nation, who join with you in your sorrow. Kind regards to self and your dear children.

J. F. ARNOLD.

Mr. A. R. BARCLAY to Captain SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Dunedin, 11th June, 1906.

AM shocked beyond measure at appalling news to-day. Cannot find words to express my sorrow and sympathy with you and family.

A. R. BARCLAY.

Mr. J. BOLLARD to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

Auckland, 19th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept my deepest sympathy with yourself and family in your sad bereavement.

JOHN BOLLARD.

Mr. D. BUDDO to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Rangiora, 15th June, 1906.

MRS. BUDDO joins with me in tendering you our deepest sympathy in your great and irreparable loss.

D. BUDDO.

The Hon. J. CARROLL to Captain SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 11th June, 1906.

WHEN the heart is full of sorrow it is hard to express one's self in words, but the bond of affection which binds us to your dear father is mutual and everlasting, and will, I trust, convey comfort and consolation to us both. To-day the colony and the nation mourn the loss of a great man, who has employed his great talent and ability in the work of moulding the destiny of his adopted country—a work that will for ever be a monument to his memory. He faithfully followed the path of duty, and has been cut off in the midst of honours showered upon him. Please accept for yourself, and convey to the other members of the family, my heartfelt sympathy and condolences.

J. CARROLL.

Mr. T. H. DAVEY to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.

SINCERE sorrow your irreparable bereavement.

T. H. DAVEY.

Mr. F. R. FLATMAN to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Geraldine, 16th June, 1906.

THE loss to the colony through the sudden death of our beloved Premier cannot be overestimated, but the loss sustained by yourself and family is far greater. Truly he was an affectionate husband and kind father. Mrs. Flatman, my family, and myself tender you our deepest heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement. May the great Creator strengthen you and yours in the sad moments of your sudden trial.

F. R. FLATMAN.

Mr. GEORGE FOWLDS to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Blackpool, England, 15th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy.

FOWLDS.

Mr. WILLIAM FRASER to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT my sincere sympathy with you and your family in your bereavement.

W. FRASER.

Mr. H. J. GREENSLADE to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 12th June, 1906.

MRS. GREENSLADE joins with me in conveying to yourself and family heartfelt sympathy in your great loss. We also have lost a leader whose memory will ever be revered.

H. J. GREENSLADE.

The Hon. A. R. GUINNESS to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Greymouth, 11th June, 1906.

You all have our sincerest heartfelt sympathy. Loss irreparable.

ARTHUR GUINNESS.

Mr. W. H. HERRIES to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Te Aroha, 11th June, 1906.

SINCEREST sympathy in your sad loss. Though politically opposed, deeply regret loss colony has suffered.

W. H. HERRIES.

Mr. C. H. IZARD to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept my deepest sympathy.

C. H. IZARD.

Mr. M. M. KIRKBRIDE to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and family, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

Mangere, 12th June, 1906.

KINDLY accept my deepest sympathy with you in your great bereavement.

M. M. KIRKBRIDE.

Mr. C. LEWIS to Captain SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT my sincere sympathy with yourself and the other members of your family.

C. LEWIS.

Mr. C. E. MAJOR to Captain SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 11th June, 1906.

I HAVE just heard the sad news of your father's death in the hour of the colony's greatest affection and respect for him—at the zenith of his fame and power. Accept for yourself and the other members of your family my fullest and lasting sympathy.

C. E. MAJOR.

Mr. F. MANDER to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Whangarei, 18th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy with yourself and family in your great bereavement.

F. MANDER.

Mr. W. F. MASSEY to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept the sincerest sympathy from Mrs. Massey and myself with you and the other members of your family in the irreparable loss you have sustained.

W. F. MASSEY.

Mr. RODERICK MCKENZIE to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Nelson, 11th June, 1906.

DEAR friend, be brave in your great bereavement. New Zealand lamenting and mourning with you. Heartfelt sympathy.

RODERICK MCKENZIE.

The Hon. C. H. MILLS to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

WE were all so sorry and deeply grieved on hearing sad news. Mrs. Mills and family join with me in sending our loving sympathy with you all in your heavy affliction.

C. H. MILLS.

Mr. H. POLAND to Captain SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Paeroa, 12th June, 1906.

I CANNOT express the deep distress with which I heard of your father's sad death, but offer you and the rest of your family my heartfelt sympathy.

H. POLAND.

Mr. R. H. RHODES to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.

HEARTFELT sympathy from Mrs. Rhodes and myself.

R. HEATON RHODES.

Mr. R. B. ROSS to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Woodville, 16th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept my sincerest sympathy in your great sorrow.

R. B. ROSS.

Mr. J. A. STALLWORTHY to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

12th June, 1906.

KAIPARA mourns and sympathizes with you and family in the loss of a loving husband and father. He was the people's friend, and will live in their hearts. The God of comfort be with you.

JOHN STALLWORTHY.

Mr. WALTER SYMES to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Otorohanga, 13th June, 1906.

HEARTFELT sympathy and condolence from Mrs. Symes and myself for you and yours in your sad bereavement and irreparable loss.

WALTER SYMES.

The Hon. Sir J. G. WARD to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

London, 11th June, 1906.

THE awful news of your dear husband and my old and true friend having passed away has come as a stunning blow to us all. Myself, wife, and children send you and your family our deepest sympathy. We feel that God alone can strengthen your and yours in your hour of unprecedented grief and trial.

J. G. WARD.

Mr. T. M. WILFORD to Captain SEDDON.

(Telegram.)
 Captain Seddon, Wellington. Petone, 11th June, 1906.
 ACCEPT my sincerest sympathy. It will not be long before New Zealand realises its great loss. I
 also have lost my best friend. T. WILFORD.

Mr. GEORGE WITTY to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)
 Mrs. Seddon, Sydney. Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.
 DEEPEST sympathy. You have lost a husband, New Zealand a father.
 GEORGE WITTY.

Mr. E. W. ALISON to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Wm. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Auckland, 11th June, 1906.
 I DEEPLY regret to learn of the appalling news of the sudden death of the Right Hon. the Premier,
 which has caused an unprecedented sensation of deep pain and regret throughout the whole com-
 munity here. I extend my most sincere sympathy to you as Acting-Premier at the great loss which
 the colony has sustained, and tender my most profound condolences to Mrs. Seddon and family in
 their sad bereavement. E. W. ALISON.

Mr. E. G. ALLEN to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Port Chalmers, 11th June, 1906.
 I FEEL quite dazed at the sad news conveyed in your wire. Another great life sacrificed in the
 interest of country and humanity. It all seems too sad and regrettable.
 E. G. ALLEN.

Mr. JAMES ALLEN to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Dunedin North, 12th June, 1906.
 THE tragic event was a shock to me as to every one, and I was very sorry. If you have oppor-
 tunity, please convey to the family in Wellington my sympathy in their great bereavement.
 JAMES ALLEN.

Mr. FRED. BAUME to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Auckland, 14th June, 1906.
 I DEEPLY regret the loss of the great statesman, powerful leader, and true friend, who has passed
 away. FRED. BAUME.

Mr. JOHN BOLLARD to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Auckland, 14th June, 1906.
 MANY thanks for telegram. Please accept my deepest sympathy for Mrs. Seddon and family, also
 to yourself and other Ministers for loss of your chief. JOHN BOLLARD.

Mr. JAMES COLVIN to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Westport, 11th June, 1906.
 DESIRE to convey my sincere and heartfelt regret to yourself and members of Cabinet at the loss of
 your great chief, our colony's greatest statesman. JAS. COLVIN.

Mr. ALFRED DILLON to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Patangata, 12th June, 1906.
 I CANNOT express my feelings at the great loss of our chief. New Zealand and the Empire have
 lost a valuable adviser. ALFRED DILLON.

Mr. J. GRAHAM to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. 11th June, 1906.
 NEWS Premier's death came as great shock. Convey deepest sympathy bereaved family and col-
 leagues. Long since learned to know and respect him as a genuine friend; now, alas, he is gone.
 J. GRAHAM.

Mr. H. J. GREENSLADE to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Frankton Junction, 12th June, 1906.
 DEEPLY grieved to learn of death of our beloved chief, whose memory will always live in mind of
 grateful country. H. J. GREENSLADE.

Mr. W. H. HERRIES to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Te Aroha, 13th June, 1906.
 Your memo. received. Deeply regret with you the loss colony has sustained. Beg you will convey to family my sincerest sympathy in their sad loss. W. H. HERRIES.

Mr. J. HOGAN to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Wanganui, 11th June, 1906.
 ACCEPT sincerest sympathy of people of Wanganui on sad calamity that has befallen the colony. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family Wanganui's heartfelt sorrow on their sudden bereavement. J. HOGAN.

Mr. A. W. HOGG to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Wanganui, 11th June, 1906.
 HAVE just heard of the Premier's death with profound sorrow. Let us hope, though dead, his noble spirit will continue the grand work of social and political emancipation. A. W. Hogg.

Mr. J. T. M. HORNSBY to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Carterton, 11th June, 1906.
 WAIRARAPA mourns with New Zealand and those beyond the sea for the loss of a friend. "Know ye not that a prince and a ruler has this day fallen in Israel." HORNSBY.

Mr. ROBERT M. HOUSTON to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES

(Telegram.)
 Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Mangonui, 12th June, 1906.
 It was with sincere regret that I heard of Mr. Seddon's death, and deeply sympathize with you all for the calamity thus befallen you. I feel this sad blow very much. ROBERT M. HOUSTON.

Mr. W. T. JENNINGS to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. New Plymouth, 12th June, 1906.
 ON behalf Egmont electorate, send condolence you and Ministers at irreparable loss of Premier Seddon. The air filled with lamentations for one who had unbounded courage and compassion combined. W. T. JENNINGS.

Mr. H. KAIHAU to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Auckland, 11th June, 1906.
 SALUTATIONS. Grief and trouble have come upon us through the fate that has befallen our Premier, Mr. R. J. Seddon, who has been taken by God and lost by the people, the greatest calamity during the reign of King Edward. Great is our lament and sorrow. Where, indeed, shall light arise out of the darkness now that the father of the two peoples has left us? The heart knows that it is fate that brings the life of man to its end or strengthens him till his work is ended. The figurehead has fallen (from the top of the house). As for the house of Papatuanuku (*i.e.*, the earth) the mana remains, but the inhabitants are in sorrow, even though the land exists as before. I salute the Ministers and members and the relatives in the house of mourning.

H. KAIHAU.

Mr. A. KIDD to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Waiuku, 12th June, 1906.
 WORDS cannot convey my feelings when news reached me. Convey my sympathy to family. A. KIDD.

Mr. M. M. KIRKBRIDE to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Mangere, 12th June, 1906.
 I BEG to tender my deepest sympathy with you and your colleagues on the irreparable loss you have sustained by the sudden death of the Right Hon. the Premier. M. M. KIRKBRIDE.

Mr. GEORGE LAURENSEN to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Lyttelton, 12th June, 1906.
 YOUR sad message arrived last night. Can only express my sorrow at the death of our great Premier, and my deepest sympathy with his family in their loss, which is also New Zealand's. GEO. LAURENSEN.

Mr. F. LAWRY to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ellerslie, 12th June, 1906.

My people, Parnell, ask me to convey you deep sympathy loss our great chief. Receipt intelligence there was weeping, mourning, especially my own household.

F. LAWRY.

Mr. W. F. MASSEY to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Mangere, 14th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept my sincerest sympathy with yourself and colleagues in the loss of your able and resolute chief.

W. F. MASSEY.

Mr. JOHN McLACHLAN to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Doyleston, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to relatives our late chief my heartfelt regret at the painful news received to-day of his death. It is truly a national and world-wide calamity. My feelings at the present moment will not allow me to further express myself. He was a great man.

JOHN McLACHLAN.

Mr. J. A. MCPHERSON to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Bortons, 12th June, 1906.

PROFOUND regret at New Zealand's irreparable loss. Heartfelt sympathy with bereaved family in their overwhelming sorrow. Yourself and Ministers have our united sincere sympathy in this unexpected calamity.

J. A. MCPHERSON.

Mr. DONALD REID to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

DEAR SIR,—

Dunedin, 12th June, 1906.

It is with much regret that I have to acknowledge receipt of your telegram announcing the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon. Men of all political views must recognise the indefatigability that characterized him in his conduct of political affairs, and which has, I fear, paved the way for his death at a comparatively early age. He has earned for New Zealand a prestige abroad such as we have never had before, and has always shown himself manly and patriotic where the affairs of the colony were concerned.

His death is a political calamity for the colony, and removes one of the most striking political personalities the colonies have ever seen.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

DONALD REID, JUN.

Mr. R. B. ROSS to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Woodville, 11th June, 1906.

It is needless for me to tell you of my great sorrow at the sad news of our dear old chief's death.

R. B. ROSS.

Mr. A. W. RUTHERFORD to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Mendip Hills, 12th June, 1906.

WE at Mendip Hills are all very sorry to hear of the Premier's sudden death. We had the news early yesterday afternoon from Cheviot. Kindly wire me date of funeral, and if time I will attend.

A. W. RUTHERFORD.

Mr. E. M. SMITH to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

New Plymouth, 11th June, 1906.

THE loss of New Zealand's greatest leader shows that the sickle of death spares no one. Accept deepest sympathy from self and wife. New Plymouth mourns the loss. Kindly convey to bereaved relations our sympathy.

E. METCALF SMITH.

Mr. J. A. STALLWORTHY to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 12th June, 1906.

A GREAT shock to Australasia. His Australian tour a closing chapter of triumphs in a strenuous life devoted to humanity; his death a gracious Father's loving call to peace and rest. The Lord be with you and colleagues.

JOHN STALLWORTHY.

The Hon. Sir W. J. STEWARD to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Waimate, 11th June, 1906.

THE sad news of the Premier's sudden death received here with universal sorrow. To Lady Steward and myself it came as a great shock, and we deeply sympathise with his family in their bereavement.

WM. J. STEWARD.

Mr. WALTER SYMES to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Otorohanga, 13th June, 1906.

THE awful news of death of dear old chief reached me yesterday. It was a very stunning blow. You must find very trying time. My sympathies are with you.

WALTER SYMES.

Mr. J. C. THOMSON to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Riverton, 13th June, 1906.

RECEIVED your telegram conveying news death Right Hon. Premier with unfeigned sorrow. His sudden demise created profound sensation. Beg you convey to relatives deceased statesman sincere sympathy people Wallace in their sore bereavement.

J. C. THOMSON.

The Hon. Sir J. G. WARD to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 12th June, 1906.

ALL terribly grieved. Deep feeling of sympathy London.

WARD.

Mr. W. T. WOOD to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Palmerston North, 11th June, 1906.

MRS. WOOD and self are deeply grieved at the sad news of the death of our leader and chief. It is a national calamity that we cannot realise.

W. T. WOOD.

COUNTY COUNCILS.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

AKAROA COUNTY COUNCIL.

Akaroa, 15th June, 1906.

THE Akaroa County Council desire to express to you their keen sympathy in your bereavement, and to record their sense of the loss sustained by the whole colony in the death of the Premier.

W. D. WILKINS, County Clerk.

AKITIO COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Pongaroa, 3rd July, 1906.

I have been instructed to forward you a copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of this Council: "That this Council desires to record its sincere regret at the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement."

I have, &c.,

W. SOUNESS, County Clerk.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

EKETAHUNA COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

11th June, 1906.

The Chairman, Council, and inhabitants of the County of Eketahuna desire to express to you and your family their deepest sympathy in your sore bereavement, and assure you that the people of this county sincerely appreciate the valuable services which have been rendered by your late husband during the time he has so long and faithfully served the country and the people.

I have, &c.,

R. J. McLEAN, County Clerk.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

GREY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 16th June, 1906.

I AM directed to convey to you the following resolution, passed at a special meeting of the Council, held this day: *Resolved*, "That this Council, representing the inhabitants of the County of Grey, desires to express its sincere and profound regret at the unexpected death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., and Premier of our colony, by which sad event we have lost a dear and personal friend, the colony its ablest leader, and the Empire one of its builders. Our Premier's past works speak for themselves, and had he lived a few years longer we feel satisfied he would have made his beloved colony 'God's own country' even better and more famous for advanced and progressive legislation than it is. We also wish to convey to his true and faithful partner in this life, Mrs. Seddon, and the members of the family, our sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss they have sustained. Our beloved Premier died in harness, preferring, as he so often stated, 'to wear out rather than to rust out,' and we sincerely trust that the Almighty to Whose supremacy all must bow, will give his beloved wife and other bereaved ones strength to bear the heavy blow they have so suddenly received."

M. PHILLIPS, County Clerk.

HAWKE'S BAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Napier, 11th June, 1906.

THE Hawke's Bay County Council tenders its sincere sympathy with you in the great loss you have sustained.

CHAIRMAN.

HOROWHENUA COUNTY COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

County Office, Levin, 18th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the above Council, to forward you copy of a resolution passed at their last meeting, on the 14th instant: "That this Council desires to place on record its deep sense of the great loss sustained by the colony through the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

G. N. STEPHENSON, Chairman.

HUTT COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

The Chairman and members of the Hutt County Council desire to convey to you their profound sorrow and sympathy in the great loss you have so suddenly experienced by the death of your illustrious husband.

My Council recognises that his loss occasions national grief, which will be both wider and deeper than any similar manifestation in the history of the Colony of New Zealand. His attention and efforts in the interests of the colony will always be graciously remembered by my Council.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

R. BOULD, Chairman.

INANGAHUA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Reefton, 14th June, 1906.

AT special meeting of Inangahua County Council, Chairman, members, and officers unite in offering to you and family their heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement.

WM. BOWATER, Chairman

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Queenstown, 25th June, 1906.

I herewith enclose, by direction of the Lake County Council, a copy of the resolution passed at their meeting, held on the 20th instant, referring to the death of your late husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, 22 Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. W. FRASER, Clerk.

(Copy of Resolution passed by the Lake County Council, 20th June, 1906.)

"That we, the members of the Lake County Council here assembled, desire to place on record our sense of the irreparable loss this colony has sustained by the death of the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to express our deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sudden and unexpected bereavement."

WILLIAM REID, Chairman.

R. McDougall, Councillor.

PAHIATUA COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

15th June, 1906.

The Chairman and Councillors of the Pahiatua County Council desire me to convey to you their deepest sympathy in the great loss you have sustained in the death of Mr. Seddon. You have, however, the consolation of knowing that not only New Zealand, but the English-speaking world, mourns with you the loss of a great and good man, and while the "vacant chair" in the home must remind you that a worthy husband and father has gone to his rest, the sorrow will be mitigated by the knowledge that he has nobly done his work in the world, and that his good deeds will forever live in the hearts of the people.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

GEORGE MOORE, County Clerk.

RAGLAN COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hamilton, 12th June, 1906.

RAGLAN County Council sympathize with you and yours in your and country's great loss.

HEWETT, Chairman.

RODNEY COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Warkworth, 14th July, 1906.

At the last meeting of this Council the following resolution was carried: "That this Council desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon its deepest sympathy with her and her family in their great bereavement, and to express its keen regret of the loss New Zealand has sustained by the death of so able a statesman as the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

HENRY R. FRENCH, County Clerk.

SOUTHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Invercargill, 16th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Southland County Council, to convey to you the following resolution passed at the Council meeting held on 13th July instant, namely: "That this Council desires to place on record its keen sense of the loss sustained by the colony and the Empire in the universally lamented death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and further to express its sincere sympathy with his sorrowing wife and family."

Kindly accept of the foregoing.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

A. J. SERVICE, Acting County Clerk.

TARANAKI COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

New Plymouth, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council, to transmit to you the following resolution of condolence in your very sad and painful bereavement, passed at the Council meeting on the 14th instant: "That this meeting of the Council of the County of Taranaki, with feelings of deepest sorrow, testifies its sense of the irreparable loss to the Empire and to the people of the colony by the sudden death of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and offers its heartfelt condolence to the widow and family in the hour of trial and affliction."

Being a native of Ross, part of the grand old gentleman's electorate, I would like to add my personal sympathy. You and your family have lost a good, kind husband and father. Westland's loss is immeasurable.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

ROBERT ELLIS, County Clerk.

TAURANGA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Tauranga, 16th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the residents of Tauranga County, I beg to tender you heartiest and fullest measure of sympathy for your irreparable hereavement, which is a loss shared by the whole colony of New Zealand.

J. A. M. DAVIDSON, Chairman.

TUAPEKA COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

County Council Chambers, Lawrence, 18th July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward copy of resolution passed at last Council meeting, viz.: "That this Council desires to express its extreme regret at the sudden death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and to place on record its sincere sorrow at the great and irreparable loss the colony and Empire have sustained by the death of a great statesman, whose work on behalf of the Empire and Colony of New Zealand will be ever remembered with feelings of appreciation and gratitude; also the County Council's deepest sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JOHN J. WOODS, Clerk.

VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Clyde, 12th June, 1906.

CHAIRMAN, Councillors, and inhabitants of Vincent County condole with you and family in your deep grief and the great loss New Zealand has sustained.

JAMES HORN.

WAIHEMO COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Palmerston, 30th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by instructions of the Waihemo County Council, to convey to you a copy of the resolution passed at the ordinary meeting of the Council: "That this meeting do now adjourn as a tribute of respect to the memory of our late Premier, Richard John Seddon; also convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy with them in their irreparable loss."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. B. GALLOWAY, County Clerk.

WAIPA COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Te Awamutu, 13th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Waipa County Council to convey to you and your family an expression of their sorrow for the great loss you have sustained, and their sympathy with you in your very sad bereavement.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

CHAS. BOWDEN, Clerk.

WAIPAWA COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Waipawa, 16th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Waipawa County Council, to convey to you a copy of a resolution passed by that body at a meeting held on the 5th instant, as follows: "That this Council desires to place on record its sense of the loss sustained by the colony and the Empire by the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, whose services have been of such ex-

ceptional and lasting value, and whose loss to New Zealand will be severely felt. The Council further desires to express its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their great bereavement and irreparable loss, although fully aware that in this case it can be said, "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,
M. MURRAY, County Clerk.

WAIROA COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wairoa, 16th July, 1906.

I am directed to forward you a copy of a resolution passed by the Council at a meeting held on the 13th instant, on the motion of the Chairman: "That the members of the Wairoa County Council desire to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered to New Zealand by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and tender to Mrs. Seddon and her family most sincere sympathy in their terrible bereavement.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,
W. F. SHAW, Clerk.

WAITAKI COUNTY COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Oamaru, 28th June, 1906.

By direction of this Council I have the honour to enclose copy of resolutions passed at our meeting yesterday.

All the Councillors feel that they have lost a friend and one who took a great interest in local Government.

Personally, when, as Chairman, I would be discussing county matters with Mr. Seddon, he would be firm and stern, but so genial and kindly withal that there was a pleasure to meet such a man.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
DUNCAN SUTHERLAND, Chairman.

(Copy of Resolution passed on the 27th June, 1906.)

"That this Council, as representing the inhabitants of Waitaki County, express their great regret at the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and place on record their great appreciation of him as a statesman and of the services he so ably gave to New Zealand and the Empire; and that this Council tender their most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Seddon and to the Hon. the Premier; and, further, that the Council do now adjourn as a mark of our respect to the memory of the late Premier."

WHANGANUI COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Whanganui, 18th June, 1906.

I have, by direction of the Whanganui County Council, to inform you that the following resolution has been passed by the Council: "That the Whanganui County Council expresses its deep sorrow and sympathy at the great loss the colony has sustained by the sudden death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Premier of the colony. The Council wishes to convey to Mrs. Seddon its deepest sympathy in her great and irreparable loss."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
ERNEST BARNES, Clerk.

WEBER COUNTY COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Ti-tree Point, 30th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by instruction of the Weber County Council, to make you acquainted with the following resolution, which was passed by that local body on the 30th June, and it is with deep regret and sympathy that I do so: "That the members of this Council, meeting for the first time since the sudden death of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of this colony, desire to express and place on record the deep grief and regret they feel, in common, they believe, with the mass of the people of New Zealand, at the great loss the colony has sustained. They further wish to express their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
A. MORRISON, County Clerk.

WOODVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Woodville, 5th July, 1906.

I am instructed to forward you the following resolution, passed in Council this day: "That the Councillors of the Woodville County Council desire to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered to New Zealand by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and tender to Mrs. Seddon and family their most sincere sympathy in their bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,
F. HUTCHINS, Clerk.

WHANGAREI COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Whangarei, 11th June, 1906.

On behalf of Whangarei County Council, I beg to tender our sincere sympathy in your recent sudden sad bereavement, and our deep regret at the loss our country has sustained.

G. H. MINCHIN, County Council.

COUNTY COUNCILS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

AKAROA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

DEEPEST sorrow and regret felt by all here on death of Premier.

Akaroa, 12th June, 1906.

J. BRUCE, County Chairman.

AMURI COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Culverden, 13th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Amuri County Council, to forward herewith copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council, expressing its feeling of the great loss sustained by the colony in the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement; also to ask you to be good enough to convey the same to Mrs. Seddon at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

C. SMITH, County Clerk.

(Resolution of the Amuri County Council, passed at a meeting held on the 9th July, 1906.)

“That the Amuri County Council desires to place on record its sense of the serious loss sustained by the Colony of New Zealand in the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., and its appreciation of his distinguished services to the colony and the Empire generally; it also wishes to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family its deep sympathy in their sad bereavement.”

ASHBURTON COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

14th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Chairman, to forward you the following resolution: “That this Council places on record its sense of the loss the colony has experienced at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, who during his long term of office so ably conducted the affairs of the colony to its best advantage, and that Mrs. Seddon and family be advised that this Council condoles with them in their bereavement.”

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. MAINWARING, Clerk.

BAY OF ISLANDS COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. William Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Russell, 11th June, 1906.

On behalf of the inhabitants of the Bay of Islands County, I have to inform you that the sad news of the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon has been received with much regret and deep sorrow, being deeply sensible of our late Premier's noble past, and the great loss our colony will sustain by his removal. Will you kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our united heartfelt sympathy in their sore bereavement.

HORACE S. WILLIAMS, County Chairman.

BRUCE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Milton, 13th June, 1906.

Will you kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deepest sympathy of the Chairman, Councillors, and inhabitants of the County of Bruce in the irreparable loss she has sustained.

ALEX. NELSON, County Clerk.

CHEVIOT COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Domet, 16th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey sympathy Mrs. Seddon and family at loss of dear husband and father, behalf Cheviot Council.

MEIKLE, County Chairman.

CLUTHA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Balclutha, 13th June, 1906.

On behalf of Clutha County Council, I desire to express sincere sympathy with the Government and colonists generally in the loss sustained by the sudden death of our illustrious statesman, the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also desire you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy in their sad and sudden bereavement.

A. C. SAUNDERS, Chairman.

COOK COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,— Cook County Council Office, Gisborne, New Zealand, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that this Council, at its last meeting, did resolve, as follows: "That this Council desires to record its profound sorrow at the early decease of the late Right Hon. the Premier, and requests the Hon. the Premier to convey to the family of the deceased statesman this Council's most respectful sympathies and regrets"; and, further, "That this Council shall, as a mark of respect, adjourn its meeting for one week."

I have therefore to respectfully request that you will be so kind as to make known these resolutions to Mrs. Seddon and her family.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. H. TUCKER, Clerk.

COROMANDEL COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,— Coromandel, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council, to forward you copy of a resolution passed at the meeting held yesterday, and to ask you to be good enough to comply with the request contained in the latter part of resolution, *re* the transmission of same to Mrs. Seddon: "That this Council, now assembled, do place on record a tribute of deepest sympathy at the loss the Empire has sustained by the sudden bereavement of New Zealand's great Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, statesman, patriot, and philanthropist; and this Council offers its sincere condolence to his widow and family; and that this resolution be forwarded to our member, the Hon. James McGowan, for transmission to Mrs. R. J. Seddon."

The Hon. Jas. McGowan, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. SIMMONDS, County Clerk.

EGMONT COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,— Opunake, Taranaki, 14th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council, to forward you the following resolution, which was passed at meeting held yesterday: "That this being the first meeting of the Council since the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, a vote of sympathy be forwarded to the Premier, the Hon. Hall-Jones, with a request that he forward same to Mrs. Seddon."

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

G. E. W. ROGERS, County Clerk.

EKETAHUNA COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,— Eketahuna, 11th June, 1906.

The Chairman, Councillors, and inhabitants of the County of Eketahuna desire to express to you and your colleagues their feelings of deepest sympathy in the loss occasioned by the death of your leader, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon. The news was received here with incredulity, and upon its verification, expressions of sympathy were heard from all, irrespective of political opinion. The people of this county recognise the fact that a statesman has been lost to New Zealand whose place it will be difficult to fill, and offer their condolences to the members of the Ministry on the loss of an able leader.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. J. McLEAN, County Clerk.

FEATHERSTON COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Hinakura, 20th June, 1906.

CONVEY to Mrs. Seddon and family, on behalf people Featherston County, our deep sympathy with them in their great bereavement and the colony's irreparable loss.

A. D. McLEOD, County Chairman.

GERALDINE COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,— Geraldine, 21st June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to hand you copy of a resolution passed at a special meeting of the Geraldine County Council, held this day, with the desire that it be made known to Mrs. Seddon and her family, viz.: "That the Geraldine County Council desires to express its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family at the great loss they have suffered by the death of the late Prime Minister, who for many years has devoted his life and great powers to the cause of New Zealand and the Empire."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. W. STUBBS, County Clerk.

GREY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Greymouth, 16th June, 1906.

I AM directed to convey to you the following resolution passed at a special meeting of the Council, held this day: *Resolved*, "That this Council, representing the inhabitants of the County of Grey, desires to express its sincere and profound regret at the unexpected death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., and Premier of our colony, by which sad event we have lost a dear and personal friend, the colony its ablest leader, and the Empire one of its builders. Our Premier's past works speak for themselves, and had he lived a few years longer we feel satisfied he would have made his beloved colony 'God's own country' even better and more famous for advanced and progressive legislation than it is. We also wish to convey to his true and faithful partner in this life, Mrs.

Seddon, and the members of the family, our sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss they have sustained. Our beloved Premier died in harness, preferring, as he so often stated, 'To wear out rather than to rust out,' and we sincerely trust that the Almighty to Whose supreme will all must bow, will give his beloved wife and other bereaved ones strength to bear the heavy blow they have so suddenly received."

M. PHILLIPS, County Clerk.

HAWERA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Hawera, 12th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the inhabitants of the County of Hawera, I tender sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

JACOB MARX, Chairman.

HAWERA COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Hawera, 18th June, 1906.

I beg to inform you that at a meeting of this Council, held on Saturday last, a resolution was passed conveying to Mrs. Seddon and family its sympathy in the irreparable loss sustained by them in particular, and the colony in general, by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Following this resolution, the County Council formally adjourned, and the Chairman, Mr. J. Marx, was deputed to attend the funeral as this Council's representative.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

C. A. BUDGE, Clerk.

HAWKE'S BAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Napier, 11th June, 1906.

THE Hawke's Bay County Council hears with deep regret of the passing away of the late Premier. This Council, in common with the great mass in this colony, feels that his loss is one deeply to be mourned, and recognises that his services have been at all times devoted to the best interests of the colony. This Council wishes also to convey to his relatives its deepest sympathy.

MASON CHAMBERS, Chairman.

HOBSON COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Aratapu, 12th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon the Hobson County Council's deepest sympathy in sad bereavement.

WEBB, Chairman.

KAIRANGA COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Palmerston North, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that the following resolution was recorded in the minutes of this Council at its last meeting, and to ask if you would kindly convey the same to Mrs. Seddon and the family of the late Premier: "That this Council expresses its extreme regret at the sudden death of the Premier, the most remarkable man New Zealand has possessed, and desires to place on record its appreciation of his most valuable services to the colony, and its most sincere condolences with Mrs. Seddon and the members of his family."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

WALTER RUTHERFORD, Secretary.

KIWITEA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Kimbolton, 18th June, 1906.

RESOLUTION passed at meeting of Kiwitea County Council on Saturday, 16th instant, that this Council places on record its sense of the great loss to the colony and Empire by the untimely death of the late Premier, and offers its sincerest sympathy with the widow and family in the hour of their great affliction.

CLERK.

LEVELS COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Timaru, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Levels County Council, to forward to you the following resolution, which was passed at a special meeting of the Council held on the 16th instant, viz.: "That this Council and those it represents desire to express their sense of the great loss which the colony has sustained through the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and tenders their deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement; that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. W. Hall-Jones, as member for the district, with a request that he will convey it to Mrs. Seddon."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

F. E. WHITEHEAD, County Clerk.

MACKENZIE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. William Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Fairlie, 21st June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family sincere sympathy of the Council and people of Mackenzie County.

F. D. GILLINGHAM, Chairman.

MACKENZIE COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

9th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Mackenzie County Council, to furnish you with the following copy of a resolution which was passed by the Council at its last meeting, held on the 6th instant, viz.: "That this Council desires to place on record its sincere regret at the loss sustained by the colony by the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to indorse the expression of sympathy forwarded by the Chairman on behalf of the Council and inhabitants of the Mackenzie County."

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. C. BANKS, Clerk.

MANAWATU COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

Sanson, 15th June, 1906.

Will you be kind enough to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the following copy of a resolution passed by the Manawatu County Council: "That this Council desires to express its sense of the great loss sustained by the colony and the Empire by the untimely and sudden death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and begs to offer its sincerest sympathy with the bereaved widow and family."

Yours, &c.,

F. PURNELL, County Clerk.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

MAURICEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Masterton, 20th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon the sincere sympathy of the Mauriceville County Council. Yours truly,

J. C. COOPER, Chairman.

MOUNT HERBERT COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Port Levy, 20th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey the Mount Herbert County Council's deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family. I am sorry I cannot attend the funeral. Will you place wreath which the Council are sending on the coffin.

R. E. HALL, Chairman.

OHINEMURI COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Paeroa, 15th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Council and inhabitants of the County of Ohinemuri I beg you to accept this our sincerest expression of sympathy and sorrow in the loss that has befallen this colony owing to the death of the late Premier, Richard John Seddon. The Council would be grateful if you would convey to Mrs. Seddon the heartfelt sympathy of this district, and assure her that in her great grief she has the whole colony as fellow-mourners.

W. G. NICHOLLS, Chairman.

OPOTIKI COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Opotiki, 11th June, 1906.

SINCEREST sorrow felt here by all parties on the country's loss.

J. B. GOW, Chairman.

OTAMATEA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Maungaturoto, 15th June, 1906.

THE Otamatea County Council was holding a meeting when the sad news of the sudden death of the Right Hon. the Premier was received. I am directed to express the deepest sympathy in the loss of a great man, and to deplore the irreparable loss the colony has sustained.

JAMES HEMPHILL, County Clerk.

PATEA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Patea, 13th June, 1906.

COUNTY Council learns with great regret death of Mr. Seddon, and wishes to convey to bereaved widow and family its sincerest sympathy.

PEARCE, Chairman.

PIAKO COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Te Aroha, 20th June, 1906.

PIAKO County Council meeting to-day instructs me send you this resolution proposed by Councillor N. A. Larney, seconded by Councillor John McCaw, and carried unanimously: "That the Piako County Council desires to express its deepest regret at the death of the late Premier of the colony, Richard John Seddon, which it regards as a great national loss, and that this Council condoles with his widow and family in their most sad and tragic bereavement"; and as a mark of respect the said Council adjourned for an hour,

P. GILCHRIST, County Clerk.

RAGLAN COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)
Acting-Premier, Wellington. Hamilton, 12th June, 1906.
RAGLAN County Council regrets exceedingly the great loss the country has sustained.
HEWETT, Chairman.

RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL.

HON. SIR,— Marton, 13th June, 1906.
As Chairman of the Rangitikei County Council, permit me on their behalf, and that of the people of Rangitikei, to express our profound regret at the sudden death of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and our sense of the great loss the colony has sustained thereby. I would further ask you to tender to Mrs. Seddon and her family our deep sympathy with them in their great bereavement.
The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. I have, &c.,
R. N. BECKETT.

RODNEY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)
Acting-Premier, Wellington. Port Albert, 11th June, 1906.
TERRIBLE news. Convey Rodney County Council's heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon.
L. P. BECROFT, Chairman.

SELWYN COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)
Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Christchurch, 16th June, 1906.
I DESIRE, on behalf of the Selwyn County Council, to express its sense of the loss which the colony has sustained in the death of the Premier, and its appreciation of the great services he rendered to New Zealand and the Empire, and wish you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincere sympathy with them in their irreparable loss.
WM. DUNLOP, Chairman.

SOUTHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)
The Acting-Premier, Wellington. Invercargill, 15th June, 1906.
ON behalf of the Southland County Council, I wish to express the profound sorrow occasioned by the Premier's tragically sudden death. On their behalf I desire you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family an expression of their sincere sympathy.
JAMES FLEMING, Chairman.

STRATFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)
Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington. Stratford, 12th June, 1906.
ON behalf of people of Stratford County, I tender you and colleagues deep sympathy in death of Mr. Seddon, whom so many of us regarded as public benefactor and warm friend. Kindly assure Mrs. Seddon of sincere condolence of us all.
G. A. MARCHANT, County Chairman.

TAIERI COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,— Mosgiel, 7th July, 1906.
I have the honour, by direction of the Chairman of the Taieri County Council, to forward to you a copy of a resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held yesterday respecting the late Premier, and also to ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon the Council's sincere condolence: *Resolved*, "That the Taieri County Council places on record its profound regret at the decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and expresses its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family at the loss they have sustained."
Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Prime Minister, Wellington. I have, &c.,
JOHN LOGAN, County Clerk.

TAKAKA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)
The Acting-Premier, Wellington. Takaka, 11th June, 1906.
It is with extreme regret that we have just heard of the death of the Premier, and regret the irreparable loss to the colony. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family deepest sympathy from this county in their sad bereavement.
W. G. BAIGENT, Chairman.

TARANAKI COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)
Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Waitara, 20th June, 1906.
ON behalf of residents of Taranaki County, accept deepest sympathy in our national loss, and convey these sentiments to Mrs. Seddon and family.
G. V. TATE, Chairman.

TAURANGA COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Tauranga, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward the following resolution, carried unanimously at a special meeting of the Tauranga County Council held this day: "That this Council places on record its appreciation of the services rendered the Colony of New Zealand by the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., Premier of New Zealand, and respectfully requests the Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the most sincere condolence in their sad bereavement."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

JNO. G. GRIFFITHS, County Clerk.

THAMES COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Wm. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Thames, 14th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family, on behalf of myself, Councillors, and inhabitants of the County of Thames, our heartfelt sympathy for the great loss they and the Colony of New Zealand have sustained.

R. W. BAGNALL, Chairman.

TUAPEKA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Roxburgh, 15th June, 1906.

On behalf of myself, Councillors, residents of Tuapeka County, I beg to tender deepest sympathy on account of the great loss colony has sustained by death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

J. BENNETTS, Chairman.

TUAPEKA COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Lawrence, 18th July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward copy of resolution passed at last Council meeting, viz.: "That this Council desires to express its extreme regret at the sudden death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and to place on record its sincere sorrow at the great and irreparable loss the colony and the Empire have sustained by the death of so great a statesman, whose work on behalf of the Empire and Colony of New Zealand will be ever remembered with feelings of appreciation and gratitude; also the County Council's deepest sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

JOHN J. WOODS, Clerk.

VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Bannockburn, 11th June, 1906.

BEHALF Vincent County deplore loss New Zealand's greatest man. Deepest sympathy members Government and to Mrs. Seddon in her sad bereavement.

JAMES HORN, Chairman.

WAIHEMO COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Palmerston, Otago, 7th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by instructions of the Waiheмо County Council, to convey to you a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Council: "That this meeting do now adjourn as a tribute of respect to the memory of our late Premier, Richard John Seddon; also convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy with them in their irreparable loss."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

W. B. GALLOWAY, County Clerk.

WAIKOUAITI COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

27th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Council to respectfully request you to forward to Mrs. Seddon and family the following unanimous resolution: "That this Council put on record its sincere regret at the untimely death of Mr. Seddon, and also deplore the loss the colony and Empire have sustained thereby, and beg to tender profound sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their affliction."

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

JOHN PORTEOUS.

WAIMEA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Nelson, 14th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Waimea County Council, I desire to express its very deep regret at the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon.

PHILIP BEST, Chairman.

WAIMEA COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Nelson, 9th July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward to you the following copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Waimea County Council, and to ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the Council's deepest sympathy with them in their late bereavement: "That this Council desires to place on record its deep sense of the very great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and this Council also desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family its deepest sympathy with them in their sad bereavement."

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

S. BLOMFIELD, County Clerk.

WAIMATE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Waimate, 12th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Waimate County, I beg to express our profound sorrow at the calamity that has befallen New Zealand by the death of Mr. Seddon, and to tender to his relatives and late colleagues our sincere sympathy.

PAUL STUDHOLME, Chairman.

WAIMATE COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Waimate, 29th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of this Council, to transmit to you the following resolution made by this Council at its meeting on the 27th instant: "That this Council records on its minutes the deep sorrow of its members at the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, whose public career is a lasting memorial of distinguished services to the colony, and by whose death the country has lost a strenuous leader, and the Empire a great statesman. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Mr. Hall-Jones, to be sent to Mrs. Seddon, conveying the Council's sympathy with herself and family in their great bereavement."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

GEO. COCHRANE, County Clerk.

WAIPA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Te Awamutu, 13th June, 1906.

AM instructed by the Waipa County Council to convey an expression of their deep regret at the loss this colony has sustained by the sudden death of the Premier.

BOWDEN, Clerk.

WAIPAWA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Waipawa, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the people of the Waipawa County, I must express to you the intense feeling of grief with which the news of the death of Mr. Seddon has been received, and offer through you to the afflicted family our heartfelt condolence, and sympathy to the Government, in the irreparable loss sustained.

A. E. JULL, Chairman.

WAIRARAPA SOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Carterton, 11th June, 1906.

WAIRARAPA South County Council conveys deep sorrow at decease of so distinguished a statesman as late right honourable gentleman.

COUNTY CLERK.

WAIROA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wairoa, 11th June, 1906.

THIS Council sends condolence Mr. Seddon's decease.

SINCLAIR, County Chairman.

WAITAKI COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Oamaru, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Waitaki County Council and ratepayers tender you our great sympathy and sorrow on death of our Premier.

D. SUTHERLAND, Chairman.

WAITAKI COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Oamaru, 28th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of this Council, to enclose copy of resolutions passed at our meeting yesterday.

By the death of Mr. Seddon, Councillors feel that in county affairs they have lost a friend and one who took a keen interest in local government.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

DUNCAN SUTHERLAND, Chairman.

(Copy of Resolutions passed on the 27th June, 1906.)

“That this Council, as representing the inhabitants of Waitaki County, express their great regret at the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and place on record their great appreciation of him as a statesman and of the services he so ably gave to New Zealand and the Empire. And that this Council tender their most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Seddon and to the Hon. the Premier.” And further, “That the Council do now adjourn as a mark of our respect to the memory of the late Premier.”

WAITEMATA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

THE Waitemata County Council desire to express deepest sympathy at the loss to the colony of a great statesman. Kindly convey condolences to Mrs. Seddon and family.

J. H. O'NEILL, Chairman.

WAITOMO COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Premier, Wellington.

Te Kuiti, 19th June, 1906.

WAITOMO County Council send expression of deepest regret for country's loss through death of your predecessor, and profound sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family.

D. H. LUSK, Chairman.

WALLACE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Wallace County Office, Otautau, 16th June, 1906.

COPY of resolution passed by the Wallace County Council at the meeting held on Friday, 15th June, 1906:—

“That this Council desires to place on record its profound sorrow and regret at the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and the great loss this colony and the British Empire have sustained thereby. That this Council desires to express its sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Seddon and her bereaved family. That this Council adjourn for one hour as a mark of respect for the family. And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon through our member, J. C. Thomson, Esq.”

Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

J. T. FULLARTON, County Clerk.

WEBER COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ti-tree Point, 13th June, 1906.

DEEPLY regret the Premier's death. Convey to family our sympathy.

A. MUNRO, Chairman.

WESTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Hokitika, 16th June, 1906.

PERSONAL. Please convey to Mrs. Seddon following resolution Westland County Council, which was carried with marked solemnity: “That, on behalf of people of Westland, the Council expresses its profound feelings of regret at the sudden and untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Privy Councillor, the distinguished Premier of the colony, the honoured member of this constituency, and the warm-hearted colleague of bygone days, and that the Council places on record the very high sense of appreciation of the magnificent services so unselfishly rendered to King and country during a colonial career of unparalleled brilliancy; and further, that the Council tenders its most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones, and offers to Mrs. Seddon, the devoted and cherished wife, and the beloved family the deepest respect of intimate friendship, engendered by a life-time of pleasant personal intercourse, with the trust that the Almighty in His mercy will give that strength and that peace of mind which will aid and sustain them in so great a domestic affliction.”

P. J. MCGUIGAN, County Chairman.

WHAKATANE COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Whakatane, 7th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council, to inform you that at the last meeting the following resolution was passed relative to the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony: “That this Council, representing the people of the County of Whakatane, desire to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt grief and sympathy in the great loss they have sustained by the death of a loving husband and father.”

The Council would be glad if you would convey this expression of sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

P. A. HARROW, County Clerk

WHANGAREI COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Whangarei, 12th June, 1906.
 ON behalf Whangarei County Council and residents Whangarei, I tender sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement, and express regret at the irreparable loss the colony has sustained in demise of practical and conspicuous statesman, who lived for the betterment of mankind and died whilst engaged in the work of his adopted country
 G. H. MINCHIN, County Chairman.

WHANGAROA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Totara North, 21st June, 1906.
 THE people of Whangaroa join to-day in mourning the loss of a great statesman and patriot.
 T. M. LANE, County Chairman.

WOODVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Woodville, 11th June, 1906.
 DEEPEST sympathy great bereavement from Woodville County.
 JOHN HARRIS, Chairman.

MAYORS, CITY COUNCILS, BOROUGH COUNCILS, BURGESSES, ETC.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Mayor's Office, Wellington, 15th June, 1906.

I beg to be allowed to express my profound sympathy for you and yours in the sad event which has deprived you of your illustrious and loyal husband, and your children of their devoted and affectionate father. You have consolation in having a memory of the many struggles engaged in by you both for the public good and successfully ended. May a knowledge that your husband's and your own efforts are appreciated, and that it is the universal prayer of the people of New Zealand that you may be sustained under the terrible blow which has fallen upon you be some consolation to you under your severe trial.

I am forwarding to you a copy of a resolution passed by the Wellington City Council, and, though it but feebly represents the feelings which prompted it, I hope you will accept it as a tribute of sympathy and respect.

That time, the great restorer, acting with other influences, may bring you and yours relief, and that you may long be able to look back on the past with pride, and as much satisfaction as is given to mortals to attain, is the wish of

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours sincerely,
T. W. HISLOP.

I, John Richard Palmer, Town Clerk of the City of Wellington, hereby certify that the following is a correct copy of a resolution of the Wellington City Council, passed at their meeting held on the 14th day of June, 1906:—

“This Council desire to place on record their grief at the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, Premier of the colony, their sense of the great loss which the colony has sustained, and their sympathy with Mrs. Seddon, her children, and grandchildren in the irreparable calamity which has befallen them.”

Dated this 15th day of June, 1906.

JNO. R. PALMER, Town Clerk.

AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

12th June, 1906.

It is with deep sorrow that I now, on behalf of the people of Auckland, convey to you the following expression of sympathy with yourself and your family in the sad loss which you have sustained by the death of your late dear husband and father.

We had called a meeting to arrange for a fitting welcome home to you all after your visit to Australia, and on Monday morning, when his last message from Sydney, “All well,” arrived, we looked forward to a happy and pleasant re-union on his arrival; but when, later on, we heard that it was indeed all well with him but inexpressibly sad for you, your family, and the people whom he loved and for whom he did so much, the purpose of our meeting was changed, and after many spontaneous tributes of affection, esteem, and love had been uttered in simple but sorrowful words by both men and women present, the grief of the people of Auckland was expressed in the following resolution, viz.: “That this meeting of citizens of Auckland, with feelings of the deepest sorrow, testifies the sense of the irreparable loss to the Empire and to the people of this colony by the sudden death of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and offers its heartfelt condolence to his widow and family in their hour of trial and affliction.”

I need only add that the people feel keenly their loss as that of a personal friend, and the universal prayer is offered that the Father of all in His great love and sympathy will comfort and sustain you and yours in this hour of your bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.

CHAS. GREY, Deputy-Mayor.

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

12th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the Christchurch City Council, held on the 11th instant, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1. "That this Council desires to express its profound sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony, as well as its sincere appreciation of the great and valuable services which he has rendered to the colony during his long and distinguished career."

2. "That the Council also desires to convey to the family of the late Mr. Seddon its profound and heartfelt sympathy in the great and irreparable loss which has fallen upon them."

After passing the above resolutions the Council adjourned all other business as a further tribute of respect to the memory of your late husband.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

H. R. SMITH, Town Clerk.

DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Dunedin, 26th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to convey to you the following resolution passed by the Dunedin City Council at its meeting held on Wednesday, the 20th June: "That this Council forward a letter of condolence with Mrs. Seddon and family expressing deepest sympathy with them in their recent sad bereavement."

Further in this a eulogium by His Worship the Mayor was read at the same meeting, and concluded in the following terms: "That it does not become the Council of this city to be silent. The expression of our feelings may be somewhat late, but, under this great calamity, we may with some propriety express the public sorrow, and ratify as it were the record of our country's grief at the death of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon."

I may add that His Worship's eulogium was adopted in its entirety, and was ordered to be recorded upon the minutes of the proceedings of the Dunedin City Council.

With deepest sympathy,
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

R. W. RICHARDS, Town Clerk.

AKAROA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Akaroa, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to state that at a meeting of the Akaroa Borough Council, held on the 13th instant, the following resolution was carried unanimously, the members all standing.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

W. SIMS, Town Clerk.

(Resolution.)

"That this Council deeply deplores the untimely death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and places upon record the heartfelt regret of the burgesses of Akaroa at the great loss that has been sustained by the colony and their sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their sad bereavement."

ALEXANDRA SOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Alexandra South, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT deepest sympathy from Mayor and Councillors of Alexandra South.

SCHAUMANN, Mayor.

ASHBURTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Ashburton, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Mayor and Councillors of the Ashburton Borough Council, to convey their deepest sympathy with you and your family in the irreparable loss you have sustained by the death of your husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of this colony.

At a meeting of the Council, held on the 18th instant, the following resolution was passed: "That this Council expresses its profound regret at the untimely death of the Premier of this colony, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and joins with the people of New Zealand in mourning the loss of a statesman so distinguished in the history of the colony and the Empire. Also that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon conveying this Council's deepest sympathy with herself and family in their sad bereavement."

After unanimously carrying this motion the Council adjourned its meeting.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

H. H. FOOKS, Town Clerk.

BURWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Council Chambers, Borough of Burwood, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour to respectfully inform you that at the last meeting of my Council a resolution was passed expressing the Council's sympathy with you and your family in the bereavement you have sustained by the lamented death of your husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. P.C.

While conveying this resolution to you, I have also to state that my Council has placed on record its deep sense of the great loss occasioned not only to New Zealand, but to the British Empire, by the decease of Mr. Seddon, whose noble work for humanity has made his fame imperishable.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

J. BREGG, Mayor.

CARTERTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Borough Council Chambers, Carterton, 27th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of this Council, to convey to you the underwritten resolution which was passed by my Council at the ordinary meeting held last night.

I have, &c.,

J. MONCRIEFF, JUN., Town Clerk.

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

“That this Council places on record its recognition of the loss the colony has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the late Premier of the colony, and extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.”

DANNEVIRKE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dannevirke, 16th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that the above Council, at its ordinary meeting, held on Tuesday, the 12th June, 1906, was pleased to pass a motion of adjournment to show the respect and esteem in which your late beloved husband was held.

A special resolution was proposed embodying remarks appreciative of your late husband's sterling character as a public and private man. It was decided to place on permanent record the sense of deep personal loss by the death of Mr. Seddon, our profound sorrow for and sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and members of her family in their inexpressibly sad bereavement, our desire to unite with all in mourning the great-hearted Premier whose aim was the uplifting of humanity, the promotion of education, and the cementing of the British Empire.

I desire to ask yourself and members of your family to accept the Council's sincere and hearty sympathy in the sad loss you have sustained.

With sincere regret for the occasion which calls forth such a letter from my Council and with all respect.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

H. M. RIES, Mayor.

ELTHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Eltham, 27th June, 1906.

I beg to forward you hereunder copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of this Council: “That this Council desires to express its appreciation of the great services rendered to this colony by the late Prime Minister, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and its sense of the loss sustained by the colony in his death; and also to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the assurance of the sincere sympathy of the Councillors and the people of the Borough of Eltham in their great sorrow.”

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

W. J. TRISTRAM, Town Clerk.

FEILDING BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Feilding, 16th June, 1906.

On your again landing in New Zealand allow me to express my regret at the great loss you and this colony have sustained in the loss of the late Premier, and to express my sympathy with you and your family in your bereavement.

TREWIN, Mayor.

FEILDING BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, 5th July, 1906.

I have the honour hereby to convey to you the following resolution, passed by the Council of the Borough of Feilding, and which was carried unanimously: “That this Council desires to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their recent bereavement, and its regret at the great loss which has been sustained not only by this colony but by the whole British Empire in the decease of the late Premier.”

The apparent delay in forwarding the above resolution is owing to the Council not having a meeting at an earlier date.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

JOHN RANKIN, Town Clerk.

FOXTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

18th June, 1906.

I have the honour to convey to you the following resolution, passed by the above Council last evening: “That a vote of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement, caused by the death of their late husband and father, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand.”

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

ALF. FRASER, Town Clerk.

GLADSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Gladstone, 22nd June, 1906.

By direction of the Gladstone Borough Council, I beg to inform you that the following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Council held on the 21st instant: “That this Council do now adjourn till Tuesday evening, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late R. J. Seddon, and further desires to express its deep regret at his lamentable death, likewise the appreciation of his beneficial legislation during the term of his Premiership in the interest of the colony as a

whole, and extends to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family its sincere condolence in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

R. A. STRANG, Town Clerk.

GREY LYNN BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Borough Offices, Grey Lynn, Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

It is with feelings of sincere sorrow and regret that the melancholy occasion has arisen that I, as representing this borough, desire to address you, and my object in now doing so is to forward to you a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Grey Lynn Borough Council, held this evening.

The resolution referred to is that this Council places on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the colony through the death of its Premier, your beloved husband, and also the Council's heartfelt sympathy with you and your family in this your hour of trial and affliction. Permit me, therefore, most respectfully to re-echo these sentiments, and to express the hope that such sentiments as have been expressed by so many of your dear husband's admirers all over the globe may in a measure tend to assuage your and your family's grief at this time, and may the God of love, sympathy, comfort, and consolation be your help now is the prayer of

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

JOHN FARRELL, Mayor.

Resolved, "That the Grey Lynn Borough Council desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the colony through the death of its Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., and also to record its high appreciation of the eminent services rendered by him to the colony throughout his long Premiership. The Council also desires further to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this their hour of trial and sore affliction." And "That this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon by letter, and, as a mark of respect to the departed statesman, this Council do now adjourn."

GREYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

Greymouth, 14th June, 1906.

At the ordinary meeting of Council, held this evening, the following resolution was carried, and the Council adjourned: *Resolved*, "That the Council expresses its sorrow and regret at the untimely death of the late Richard John Seddon; that it places on record its appreciation of the high qualities of the departed statesman, and tenders to his wife and relatives heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement."

J. A. PETRIE, Mayor.

GREYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Borough Council Chambers, Greytown, Wairarapa, 12th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Mayor and Borough Councillors of Greymouth North to convey to you and your family the deepest regret felt by them at the great loss you have sustained by the demise of the Right Hon. the Premier.

They, in common with the whole of the colonists, recognise that his death is not only a calamity to you and yours, but is a national and irreparable loss to Australasia.

He has filled his role on earth in a meritorious manner, and worked for the colony, and died whilst studying the welfare of the people.

I have, &c.,

HORATIO DUDDING, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Seddon, Ministerial Residence, Wellington.

HAMILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Hamilton, 15th June, 1906.

At a special meeting of the Hamilton Borough Council, held this day, I was instructed to forward to you the accompanying letter as an expression of sympathy and condolence from this Council to you in your sad bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

S. B. SIMS, Town Clerk.

DEAR MADAM,—

Borough Council Chambers, Hamilton, 15th June, 1906.

In addressing you in this dark hour of trial, we recognise the futility of language to convey to you an adequate expression of our sorrow at the personal loss you have sustained through the death of your beloved husband, the Prime Minister.

We would strengthen your heart to bear your heavy burden by messages of sympathy and condolence.

Although we are assured that it is beyond the power of eulogy to add lustre to his name, we are equally certain that the history of his time will stamp him as one of the first citizens of the Empire, a man apart amongst colonial administrators, a great and glowing soul. His life was a term of labour and of self-denial for the land he loved, and the strenuousness of his career will be an inspiration to generations yet unborn, while his courage and nobility will shine forth as the greatest attributes of manhood.

There is no home, in this our country, untouched by sorrow for you and your family in this time of bitter trial. There is no home in this our land that does not mourn with grief inexpressible the passing of the human-hearted man we all loved, that one

Who never turned his back, but marched breast forward;
Never doubted clouds would break;
Never dreamed, though Right were worsted, Wrong would triumph;
Held, we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

J. S. BOND, Mayor.

HAWERA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Hawera, 6th July, 1906.

I beg to forward you the following copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of this Council, held on the 4th instant: "That this Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the great public services of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony, and to express its deep regret at his untimely death, and its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

B. A. MEEK, Town Clerk.

INVERCARGILL BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Invercargill, 22nd June, 1906.

At the ordinary meeting of the Borough Council, held last evening, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to: "That this Council desires to place on record our sense of deep personal loss this colony has suffered by the death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., and our profound sorrow and sympathy with yourself and members of your family in their irreparable bereavement." The meeting then adjourned.

T. W. WALKER, Acting Town Clerk.

KARORI BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

16th June, 1906.

It is with very great regret that this Council learn of the decease of the esteemed Premier of this country, one whose life has been devoted to the welfare of his country and whose loss is a national calamity. A resolution was passed on the 12th June, 1906, regretting the irreparable loss sustained by yourself and family, and a vote of sincerest sympathy and condolence in this your hour of trial.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

A. C. S. DARCY, Mayor.

LAWRENCE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Borough of Lawrence, Lawrence, 16th June, 1906.

On behalf of myself, the Councillors, and the citizens of Lawrence, I desire to convey to you and the members of your family our deep sympathy with you and your family in your sad and irreparable loss.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. B. MCKINLAY, Mayor.

LEVIN BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

22nd June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward you herewith a copy of a resolution passed by this Council at their last meeting, on the occasion of the lamented death of your husband and late esteemed Premier.

The resolution referred to is as follows: "That the Mayor and Councillors, on behalf of the citizens of Levin, desire to express deepest and heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family, and to place on record the high appreciation of the many valued services rendered to the town and district by the late illustrious Premier."

I also enclose a memento of our local memorial service, held on the day of the funeral.

With great sympathy and respect,

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

P. W. GOLDSMITH, Town Clerk.

LOWER HUTT BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Lower Hutt, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that a meeting of the Lower Hutt Borough Council had been called for last evening, and that upon assembling the Council passed the following resolution in silence: "That the Council adjourn until 7.30 p.m. on Monday next, the 18th instant, out of respect for the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and that a letter be written to Mrs. Seddon, expressing to herself and family the heartfelt sympathy of the Mayor, Councillors, burgesses, and staff of the Borough of Lower Hutt in her distressingly sad bereavement through the sudden death of her beloved late husband, whose indefatigable efforts in the cause of humanity, and untiring energy in keeping this colony's prosperity to the front have earned for him a name and fame that will be perpetuated in our memory."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

P. R. PURSER, Town Clerk.

LYTTELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Lyttelton, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Lyttelton Borough Council, to convey to you the following copy of minute recorded by request of the Council at a recent meeting: "That this meeting learns with profound regret the news of the sudden death of the Right Hon. the Premier, R. J. Seddon, and desires to place on record its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in the sad bereavement with which they have been overtaken. The Council also desires to express its high appreciation of the late Mr. Seddon's ability as a statesman, and of his great and distinguished services to this colony."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

G. A. LEWIN, Town Clerk.

MAORI HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Dunedin, 20th June, 1906.

THE Maori Hill Borough Council has passed the following resolution: "The Council desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family sympathetic condolence with them in their dire affliction in losing a loving husband and father, whose affection for them continued strong and lasting throughout a strenuous and self-sacrificing public life.

S. N. BROWN, Mayor.

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Milton, 5th July, 1906.

I beg respectfully to inform you that the Milton Borough Council at its last meeting passed the following resolution—namely: "That this Council places on record its profound regret at the sudden and unexpected death of the Right Hon. the Premier, and its deep sense of the loss the colony has thereby sustained; that the Mayor, on behalf of the Council and the people of Milton, conveys to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family their deep sympathy with them in their heavy bereavement, with an earnest wish that the weight of their affliction may be somewhat lightened by the universal appreciation of the public and lasting services which Mr. Seddon has conferred upon his fellow men."

May I be permitted also to tender my sincerest sympathy. I deeply regret your irreparable loss. He and I had been friends for twenty years.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

DONALD REID, Mayor.

MIRAMAR BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

King's Chambers, Wellington, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Miramar Borough Council, to convey to you and the members of your family the Council's heartfelt sympathy with you in the great loss sustained by you and the colony.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. E. BENNETT, Town Clerk.

NASEBY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Naseby, 18th June, 1906.

I am directed, by resolution of the Naseby Borough Council, to forward you a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Borough Council on the 16th instant, which resolution was as follows: "That this Council deeply regrets the great loss sustained by the colony through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great trouble."

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. W. INDER, Town Clerk.

NEW BRIGHTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Council Chambers, New Brighton, 16th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Council to convey to you and your family its sincere sympathy and condolence in your very sad bereavement, and to say that the Council places on record its sorrow at the death of the Premier of the colony, and also its appreciation of his great services to this country and the Empire, and recognises his whole-hearted devotion to the people of New Zealand.

Hoping that Divine Providence will support and comfort you in your great trouble.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

CHAS. FOSTER, Town Clerk.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Hall, New Plymouth, 12th June, 1906.

It is with feelings of the deepest sorrow and regret at the irreparable loss you and your family have sustained by the death of your distinguished husband that I have to convey to you the following resolution, passed by the New Plymouth Borough Council last night: "That this Council place on record their deep regret at the irreparable loss sustained by the colony by the untimely death of the Right Hon. the Premier, Mr. Seddon. That the Council tender to Mrs. Seddon and her family their deepest sympathy and condolence in the painful and sudden bereavement they have sustained, and trust that the universal regret and sorrow which is felt at their loss will be some slight alleviation of the stroke which has befallen them."

Immediately upon the passing of this resolution the Council adjourned as a mark of respect and sympathy.

I wish to express my complete concurrence in the resolution passed, and to say, that with rest of the colony, the hearts of the people of New Plymouth are with you and your family in the hour of your affliction. I shall ever retain the most grateful feelings for the many acts of kindness I received from him on every occasion that I had the privilege to come in contact with him.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

E. DOCKRILL, Mayor.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF OAMARU.

DEAR MADAM,—

Oamaru, 16th June, 1906.

This Council, as representing the citizens of Oamaru, desires to express its deep sense of regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony, recognises his whole-hearted devotion to the interests of the people of New Zealand, and begs to extend to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT MILLIGAN, Mayor.

ONSLOW BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

ONSLOW Borough Council deeply regrets the death of the late Prime Minister, and extends to you and family sincerest sympathy in your great trial.

R. B. WILLIAMS, Mayor.

PAHIATUA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

12th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of this Council, to forward you a copy of a resolution passed at its last meeting: "That this Council desires to place on record its deep sense of the great loss the colony has sustained in the lamented death of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon, our beloved Premier, and that the clerk be instructed to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family this Council's heartfelt sympathy in their sad and sudden bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

G. C. MILLER, Town Clerk.

PARNELL BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Parnell, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Parnell Borough Council, to forward you the following resolution passed by it at its meeting held on the 18th instant: "*Resolved*, That the Council of the Borough of Parnell place on record the expression of its deep sorrow for the sudden death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., its sense of the greatness of the man, and appreciation of the devoted work he performed as Premier of New Zealand; and that the Council offers its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and her family in her irreparable loss."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

B. GILMER, Town Clerk.

PATEA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

3rd July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Patea Borough Council, to forward you copy of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Patea Borough Council held on Monday last, with reference to the death of your late husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. W. HAMERTON, Town Clerk.

(Resolution.)

"That the Borough of Patea place on record its sense of the great loss sustained by the colony in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and appreciation of the value of his services to this colony; that respectful sympathy be offered the family of the deceased statesman, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Seddon."

PETONE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

13th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Council to convey to yourself and family their condolence and deep sympathy with you in the loss sustained by the death of your esteemed husband.

The death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon will long mark an epoch in the history of New Zealand, and much of that history will be a record of the good services rendered by the late Premier, who has left us poorer by his loss, but richer by the good work he has finished and the example of an earnest upright life.

While many, with us, will offer you their sympathy, we ask you to remember that there are hundreds of our aged and poor fellow-colonists, who, though they may not speak of their sorrow, yet their thoughts and sympathy will be with you at the present time, for the late statesman stood their friend and made provision for the days of their want in a way that no other had dared or devised.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

ALEX. WEBSTER, Town Clerk.

QUEENSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Richard Seddon, Wellington.

Queenstown, 15th June, 1906.

THE Mayor, Councillors, and burgesses of Queenstown desire to express their very deepest sympathy with you and your family in the sad bereavement you have so suddenly met with by the death of your noble husband and the loss the colony has sustained.

CYRIL GUDGEON, Town Clerk.

ROSLYN BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Council Chambers, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to forward you herewith copy of a resolution passed by the Roslyn Borough Council at its last meeting, as follows: "This Council deeply regrets the sudden death of the late Prime Minister of the colony, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and expresses its high appreciation of the services rendered by him to the colony, especially in connection with the strengthening of the Imperial sentiment and drawing closer the bonds of loyalty and affection between the colonies and the Mother-country. The Council also desires to express its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

CHARLES WEDGE, Town Clerk.

ROTORUA TOWN COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Rotorua, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour to hand you herewith the two following motions which were passed at a meeting of the Rotorua Town Council held last evening, after which the Council adjourned all business as an expression of its profound sorrow for the death of your beloved husband.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

C. WALLNUTT, Chairman.

(Resolutions passed at a meeting of the Rotorua Town Council held on the 14th day of June, 1906.)

"That this Council desires to express its profound sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony, and also its appreciation of the great and valuable services he has rendered to New Zealand and to the Empire during his long and distinguished career."

"That the Council desires to convey to the family of the late Mr. Seddon its deep and heartfelt sympathy in the great and irreparable loss which has fallen upon them."

ST. KILDA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

20th June, 1906.

It is with great sorrow that I have to convey to you the following resolution passed by the St. Kilda Borough Council at last night's meeting: "That this Council desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with you and your family at the untimely death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and wishes to express to you how very much it appreciates the valuable services he has rendered to the people of New Zealand during his long term of office as Premier of the colony.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

J. R. DICK, Town Clerk.

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Stratford, 14th June, 1906.

Permit me, on behalf of the citizens of Stratford, to convey to you our sincere and heartfelt sympathy with yourself and family in the irreparable loss you have sustained.

By the death of your beloved husband the Empire loses one of her greatest statesman, the Colony of New Zealand a power for good that will never be forgotten, and we in this district a benefactor and friend.

That Divine Providence will grant to you and yours strength to withstand the overwhelming blow that has befallen you is the earnest prayer of the inhabitants of this town and of

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

N. J. KING, Mayor.

SUMNER BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Sumner, 12th June, 1906.

At the meeting of this Council held to-night it was resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, "That this Council, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Premier, do adjourn. That this Council desire to place on record its appreciation of the great services rendered to this colony by Mr. Seddon. Also, that this Council has the deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement, the letter conveying same to be signed by the Mayor and all Councillors."

CHARLES LEES, Mayor.

S. JOHNSTON.

JOSEPH CLEWORTH.

J. ILLINGWORTH.

R. HADFIELD.

D. L. MOORE.

H. W. BULLIVANT.

T. A. WRENN.

T. D. JEFFREY.

J. S. T. MATTHEWS, Town Clerk.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

TAURANGA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Tauranga, 13th June, 1906.

The people of Tauranga all sympathize with you in your late bereavement, and I have the honour to forward the following copy of a resolution of condolence, passed at a special meeting of the Tauranga Borough Council held this day: "That this Council place on record its profound sense of sorrow at the death of Mr. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and an appreciation of his life's work in the interests of the colony, and extends to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable loss."

Permit me to also add my personal regret for the loss of the Premier of New Zealand, and I ask you to accept my sincere sympathy with yourself and family on this sorrowful occasion.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JOHN H. McCaw, Town Clerk.

TE AROHA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Te Aroha, 15th June, 1906.

At a special meeting of the above Council held on the 15th instant, it was unanimously resolved, "That this Council, on behalf of the residents of the Borough of Te Aroha, deeply regrets the untimely death of the Premier, Mr. Seddon, and desires to place on record their appreciation of the many acts of kindness extended to the borough by him during his thirteen years premiership of the colony, and tenders to Mrs. Seddon and family heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington. -

I remain, &c.,

B. L. SOMERS, Mayor.

TEMUKA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Temuka, 21st June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of this Council, to forward to you the following copy of a resolution passed at a special meeting held for the purpose on the 20th instant: "That this Council, as representing the residents of Temuka, desires to express its deepest sense of grief at the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony, and fully recognises his whole-hearted devotion to and great efforts on behalf of his people and the Empire at large, and desires to extend to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss they have sustained."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

E. CUTTEN, Town Clerk.

THAMES BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MY DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

15th June, 1906.

At a special meeting of the Council convened for the purpose, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That the Council views with the deepest regret the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and, as representatives of the Thames community, we bow our heads in sorrow as fellow-colonists, fully appreciating the great efforts put forth by our deceased Premier in promoting the colony's welfare. While in the position of Premier he has brought into law the most humane legislation for the uplifting of humanity that it has ever fallen to the lot of any statesman of the British Empire to introduce and have passed; and that this Council do convey this resolution to Mrs. Seddon, accompanied by the Council's utmost sympathy in the deep affliction that it has pleased the Almighty to inflict."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

ALBERT BRUCE, Town Clerk.

TIMARU BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Timaru, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Timaru Borough Council, to inform you that the following resolution was passed at an ordinary meeting held on the 11th instant, viz.: "That this Council do place on record its appreciation of the good work and distinguished services rendered to the colony and Empire by our late esteemed Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C.; that the deepest expression of sympathy of the Council and residents of Timaru be tendered to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement, and that this Council do now stand adjourned as a mark of respect for the memory and career of a great statesman."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

D. VIRTUE, Town Clerk.

WAITARA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, 12th June, 1906.

At a special meeting of the Waitara Borough Council held last evening, I was instructed to convey to you the feeling of deep regret that pervaded the town on the receipt of the news of the irreparable loss sustained through the death of your beloved husband. To yourself and family I wish, on behalf of the burgesses of this Borough of Waitara, to convey to you their deep sympathy. You have lost the best of husbands and the country has lost the best of statesmen.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

T. L. DRYNAN, Mayor.

WESTPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MADAM,—

Westport, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Westport Borough Council, to forward you the following copy of a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Council: "That the members of this Council deplore the loss which the colony has sustained by the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desires to place on record its sense of the high services rendered by him to the colony and the Empire; and that the sympathy of the members of this Council be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their great loss."

I have, &c.,

A. D. GORDON CUMMING, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

WHANGAREI BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Whangarei, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Councillors and burgesses of Whangarei, I wish to convey our deep regret at the loss you have personally and New Zealand has sustained, and to accept our sincere sympathy in your trouble.

H. WEAVER, Mayor.

WOODVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Woodville, 21st June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Woodville Borough Council, to forward you a copy of a resolution unanimously agreed to at a meeting of this Council, as follows: "The Woodville Borough Council desires to place on record its profound sorrow at the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., the Prime Minister of the colony, and its high appreciation of the services of the late statesman to the colony and Empire over a long period of years."

The Council also wishes to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family in their affliction.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

W. G. CRAWFORD, Town Clerk.

MAYORS, CITY COUNCILS, BOROUGH COUNCILS, BURGESSES, ETC.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF AKAROA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Akaroa, 12th June, 1906.

RESIDENTS of this borough deeply deplore untimely death of Premier, and extend heartfelt sympathy to yourself and colleagues.

ORBELL, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF ARROWTOWN.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Arrowtown, 16th June, 1906.

ARROWTOWN people regret exceedingly Mr. Seddon's death, and desire to convey to bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy.

H. MCKIBBIN, Mayor.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF ASHBURTON.

(Telegram.)

Premier, Wellington.

Ashburton, 21st June, 1906.

ASHBURTON to-day mourns with New Zealand the loss of its chief statesman, and conveys its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon on this sorrowful occasion. Memorial service being held here. Wreath sent from Council and citizens.

HENRY DAVIS, Mayor.

H. H. FOOKES, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF ASHBURTON.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ashburton, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey Ashburton citizens' deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their irreparable loss.

HENRY DAVIS, Mayor.

BOROUGH COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF BALCLUTHA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Balclutha, 19th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Council and citizens of Balclutha, I desire to express to the Government our deepest regret at the calamity which has befallen the colony through the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, and request you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

SIMON WRIGHT, Mayor.

BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

THE Birkenhead Borough Council respectfully request that you would convey to Mrs. Seddon the following resolution: "That this Council desires to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon in her sad bereavement by the death of her husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to record its sense of the great loss the colony has sustained in the demise of so eminent a statesman."

A. L. WHITE, Town Clerk.

BLENHEIM BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Blenheim, 13th June, 1906.

WILL you kindly do us the favour to convey to Mrs. Seddon at convenient and suitable opportunity the following resolution unanimously carried at Council meeting this evening: "That the Blenheim Borough Council desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family a sincere and respectful message of sympathetic condolence in the sorrowful bereavement they have suffered by the decease of a loved and honoured husband and father—our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon."

E. H. PENNY, Mayor.

MAYOR OF CAMBRIDGE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Cambridge, 11th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey my deepest sympathy Mrs. Seddon and family. National loss.

W. F. BUCKLAND, Mayor.

CAMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Cambridge, 14th June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward copy of resolution which was passed at meeting of the Cambridge Borough Council held last evening, viz.: "That this Council desires to place on record its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family on account of their recent bereavement, and is of opinion that the death of the late Right Hon. Mr. Seddon was not only a great loss to the Colony of New Zealand, but to the whole of the British Empire."

Asking you to be good enough to convey the same to Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

F. J. BROOKS, Town Clerk.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CANTERBURY.

SIR,—

16th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of my Council, to convey to you the following resolution unanimously passed at their meeting on the 11th day of June, 1906.

May I ask you to kindly transmit the same agreeable to their wish.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. Hall-Jones.

FRED. DAVIS, Council Clerk.

(Resolution.)

"That we deeply sympathize with Mrs. Seddon and family, also with the people of New Zealand, in the great loss sustained by the death of their respected Premier, the Hon. R. Seddon."

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND BURGESSES OF CARTERTON.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Carterton, 12th June, 1906.

BEHALF Council and burgesses I express profound regret at death Mr. Seddon, Premier. Please convey our sincere sympathies to Mrs. Seddon and family.

JAMES BROWN, Mayor.

CARTERTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Carterton, 27th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of this Council, to convey to you the underwritten resolution which was passed by my Council at the ordinary meeting held last night.

I have, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

J. MONCRIEFF, Jun., Town Clerk.

"That this Council places on record its recognition of the loss the country has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the late Premier of the colony, and extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement, and that a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon and the Hon. Hall-Jones."

CROMWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

Council Chambers, Cromwell, 15th June, 1906.

Will you kindly at some time when convenient forward the enclosed letter of condolence to the widow of our late respected Prime Minister, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

CHAS. HOLDEN, Town Clerk.

DEAR MADAM,—

Council Chambers, Cromwell, 19th June, 1906.

At the last meeting of the Cromwell Borough Council I was instructed to tender to yourself and family the heartfelt sympathy and condolences of the Council and the community which that Council represents at the sad and irreparable loss and bereavement which yourself and family, the colonists of New Zealand, and, I think I may venture to say, the whole British world, have sustained by the death of your loved husband, the Prime Minister, in more senses than one, of the Colony of New Zealand and its dependencies.

Trusting the said blow may in the Supreme Being's own good time be somewhat tempered.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

CHAS. HOLDEN, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF DEVONPORT.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Devonport, 20th June, 1906.

The following resolution was carried by the residents of Devonport at a public meeting held last night: "That this public meeting of residents of Devonport expresses its profound sorrow at the sudden and untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and desires to record its appreciation of the great and renowned services he has rendered to the colony during his long and distinguished career. That this meeting desires to convey its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in the bereavement which has so suddenly fallen upon them, and tenders to them its most sincere expressions of condolence in their great grief and irreparable loss."

E. W. ALISON, Mayor.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF DUNEDIN.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Dunedin, 11th June, 1906.

On behalf of myself, Councillors, and citizens of Dunedin, I desire to express sincere sympathy with the Government of New Zealand and the colonists generally in the loss sustained by the lamentable death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

MAYOR.

EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that when the Eastbourne Borough Council met to-day the following resolution was passed: "That this Council desires to place on record its sincere regret at the great loss suffered by the colony and the Empire as a whole through the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and also to express its deep sympathy with the members of the family in their great affliction, and that as a mark of respect to the memory of our late Prime Minister this Council is now adjourned."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier of New Zealand.

J. D. AVERY, Town Clerk.

EAST INVERCARGILL BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Council Chambers, East Invercargill, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council of the Borough of East Invercargill, to ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deep sympathy of the Mayor, Councillors, and inhabitants of the borough.

At the meeting of the Council held on the 12th instant, the following resolution was adopted: "That this Council desires to express its deep sense of the loss which the colony has sustained by the sudden and universally lamented death of its Premier, Mr. R. J. Seddon, and to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the heartfelt sympathy of the inhabitants of the borough."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

W. G. MACKAY, Town Clerk.

MAYOR OF ELTHAM.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Eltham, 12th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept deep sympathy on irreparable loss sustained by the colony and Mrs. Seddon and family on death of the Premier.

TAYLOR, Mayor.

FOXTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Foxton, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour to convey to you the following resolution which was passed by the above Council last night: "That this Council desires to place on record their sorrow and regret at the loss the colony has sustained by the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Acting-Premier, the Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

ALF. FRASER, Town Clerk.

GISBORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Premier, Wellington.

Gisborne, 20th June, 1906.

THE Gisborne Borough Council tenders its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in the very great loss they have sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

JOHN TOWNLEY, Mayor.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND RESIDENTS OF GREEN ISLAND.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Abbotsford, 13th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Borough Council and residents of Green Island, I desire to express my sincere sympathy at the untimely death of the Hon. R. J. Seddon.

GEDDES, Mayor.

GREEN ISLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

Council Chambers, Green Island, 27th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Green Island Borough Council to forward you the following resolution passed at a meeting held on the 25th instant: It was resolved, "That the Council record their deep regret at the death of the Prime Minister, the Hon. R. J. Seddon, and their appreciation of his services rendered to the country, and also express their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

It was further resolved, "That the resolution be inserted in the minutes, and a copy of same be sent to the Hon. W. Hall-Jones and Mrs. Seddon."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS THOMSON, Town Clerk.

GREYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Greymouth, 14th June, 1906.

At ordinary meeting of Council, held this evening, the following resolution was carried, and the Council adjourned: *Resolved*, "That this Council expresses its sorrow and regret at the untimely death of the late Richard John Seddon; that it places on record its appreciation of the high qualities of the departed statesman, and tenders to his wife and relatives heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement."

J. A. PETRIE, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF GREYTOWN.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Greytown North, 18th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon the following message: "The inhabitants of Greytown desire to extend to you and your family their deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and to assure you that they share in your sorrow."

WILLIAM UDY, Mayor.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF HAMPDEN.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Hampden, 13th June, 1906.

COUNCIL and citizens deeply feel deplorable loss to colony and Empire through Hon. Mr. Seddon's sudden death.

WM. NICHOLSON, Mayor.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF HASTINGS.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Hastings, 12th June, 1906.

THE Hastings Borough Council requests you to convey to Mrs. Seddon, on behalf of the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the Borough of Hastings, their sincere sympathy with her and her family in this irreparable loss that both they and the Colony of New Zealand have sustained in the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

J. COLLINGE, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF HAWERA.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Hawera, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deep sympathy of the citizens of Hawera in their sudden great bereavement.

HIRST, Mayor.

HAWERA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Hawera, 6th July, 1906.

By direction of the Council, I beg to forward you the following copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of this Council: "That this Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the great public services of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony, and to express its deep regret at the untimely death, and its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

B. A. MEEK, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF WAIKOUAITI.

DEAR SIR,—

Waikouaiti, 21st June, 1906.

At a combined memorial service held at Waikouaiti on Thursday afternoon, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to: "That the residents of the Waikouaiti district, in this meeting assembled, wish to express their deep regret at the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and are of opinion that the colony has lost the services of a very distinguished man, and they respectfully ask the Acting-Premier, Mr. Hall-Jones, to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deep sympathy of the inhabitants of this locality with them in their great bereavement."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

B. W. FELL, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF HOKITIKA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Hokitika, 11th June, 1906.

PEOPLE of Hokitika sorrow with you and your colleagues. Assuredly New Zealand has lost her greatest statesman and the Empire one of her best servants.

H. L. MICHEL, Mayor.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF INVERCARGILL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Invercargill, 11th June, 1906.

CITIZENS, Councillors, everybody sincerely lament the sudden death of Mr. Seddon. His name and legislation will live long in the memory of the people of New Zealand.

W. B. SCANDRETT, Mayor.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF INVERCARGILL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Wm. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Invercargill, 18th June, 1906.

At a largely-attended meeting of citizens, held on Saturday evening, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to: "That this meeting of citizens of Invercargill desires to record its profound sense of the great loss which the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, who for so many years devoted his life with great singleness of purpose to the public service, and to express its sincere and heartfelt sympathy with his widow and children in their great bereavement."

W. B. SCANDRETT, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF KAIAPOI.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Kaiapoi, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Kaiapoi and district, express our deep distress at news of Premier's death, and our heartfelt sympathy with his family, friends, and country.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Mayor.

KAIAPOI BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Kaiapoi, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward you resolution that was passed by my Council at a meeting held 19th instant: "That this Council deplores the tragic death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and expresses its sense of the loss thereby sustained by New Zealand and the Empire."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Mayor.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF KAITANGATA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Kaitangata, 12th June, 1906.

CONVEY to Mrs. Seddon and family the deepest sympathy of the citizens of Kaitangata in her sad bereavement.

CHAS. E. YATES, Mayor.

MAYOR OF KARORI.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept expressions of deep sorrow and sincerest sympathy in our hour of trial.

PEARCE, Mayor, Karori.

LAWRENCE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

Lawrence, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of my Council, to forward through you a resolution passed by this Council to Mrs. Seddon and family, on the 11th June, in regard to the late Premier's death: "That the Borough Council place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to the colony by the late Hon. R. J. Seddon, and that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement."

Yours, &c.,

PHILIP UREN, Town Clerk.

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Prime Minister of New Zealand, Wellington.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF LAWRENCE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Lawrence, 12th June, 1906.
 ON behalf of myself, Councillors, and citizens of Lawrence, I desire to express sincere sympathy with the Government of New Zealand in the loss sustained by the lamentable death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. J. B. MCKINLAY, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF LEVIN.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Levin, 12th June, 1906.
 CONVEY Mrs. Seddon and family people of Levin's heartfelt sympathy at our national loss. GARDENER, Mayor.

MAORI HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Dunedin, 20th June, 1906.
 THE Maori Hill Borough Council has passed the following resolution: "The Council desires to express its deep sorrow at the death of the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, whose sudden and untimely demise has deprived the colony of the services of a great statesman, a bold and far-seeing national guide, and an untiring worker for the welfare and upraising of the people, who now deplore his loss; and that the Council convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family sympathetic condolence with them in their dire affliction in losing a loving husband and father, whose affection for them continued strong and lasting throughout a strenuous and self-sacrificing public life. S. N. BROWN, Mayor.

MARTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington. Marton, 13th June, 1906.
 DIRECTED by Council to forward following: "That the Marton Borough Council place on record its sense of the great loss sustained by the colony in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and the appreciation of the value of his services to this colony and the British Empire; that respectful sympathy be offered to Mrs. Seddon and family of the deceased statesman; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Acting-Premier, with a request that it be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon." R. WOODHOUSE, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF MASTERTON.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Masterton, 12th June, 1906.
 THE painful news of the great calamity which has befallen New Zealand and the loss to the Empire in the sudden death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, has caused an intense feeling of sorrow to the people of Masterton, in common with the whole community. Our sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family is spontaneous and deep, and on behalf of Masterton we ask you to convey that sympathy to the bereaved. Masterton will unite with you and the colony in offering the last sad token of respect to departed merit.

RENALL, Mayor.
 BROWN, Town Clerk.

MASTERTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Town Clerk's Office, Council Chambers, Chapel Street, Masterton,
 15th June, 1906.

SIR,—

The Masterton Borough Council, after passing the resolutions of which I am sending you copies standing and in silence, adjourned the meeting as a mark of respect to the memory of our late beloved Premier.

Will you kindly convey the message of sympathy to Mrs. Seddon, and add that the prayers of the people of Masterton are that He who comforts the mourners will be especially near to the bereaved ones in this their overwhelming sorrow.

In sincere sympathy,

The Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

R. BROWN, Town Clerk.

(Resolutions passed by the Masterton Borough Council on Tuesday, 5th June, 1906.)

Resolved, "That the Masterton Borough Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, Richard John Seddon, and its appreciation of his life's devotion to the uplifting of the people, the welfare of the colony, and the unity of the Empire."

"That the deep and heartfelt sympathy of the Council be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sudden and irreparable bereavement."

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF MATAURA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Mataura, 19th June, 1906.
 ON behalf of the citizens of Mataura, I beg to express deep regret at the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and would also express deep sympathy with the widow and family of the deceased. JOHN GALT, Mayor.

MORNINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Mornington, 13th June, 1906.

I HAVE the honour to convey the following resolution passed by the Mornington Borough Council last night, and have to ask you to be so kind as to convey same to Mrs. Seddon: "That this Council expresses its deep sense of the great loss to the colony through the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, Premier, and deploras the loss of one who was a leader of men with a life devoted to the cause of humanity and his country New Zealand; and also expresses its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

P. NELSON, Town Clerk.

MOSGIEL BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Mosgiel, 12th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family deepest sympathy from Mosgiel Borough Council.

D. KENNEDY, Town Clerk.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF MOTUEKA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Motueka, 16th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the heartfelt sympathy of the Mayor, Borough Council, and citizens of Motueka on her, their, and our own irreparable loss; we deeply deplore the loss of our Premier, friend, and able administrator.

F. G. ROTTON, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND BOROUGH OF MOTUEKA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

New Plymouth, 12th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Borough Motueka, please convey deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family. Deeply regret loss to New Zealand.

THORP, Mayor.

MUSWELLBROOK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Muswellbrook, 16th June, 1906.

MUSWELLBROOK Municipal Council unites regretting death Mr. Seddon, expresses sympathy relatives people New Zealand.

LUSCOMBE, Mayor.

NASEBY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Naseby, 18th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Naseby Borough Council to forward you a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Borough Council on the 16th instant, which resolution was as follows: "That this Council deeply regrets the great loss sustained by the colony through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great trouble."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

FRED. W. INDER, Town Clerk.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF NELSON.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Nelson, 12th June, 1906.

MAYOR, Councillors, and citizens of Nelson deeply regret the irreparable loss the Ministry has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

J. PIPER, Mayor.

NELSON CITY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Town Clerk's Office, Nelson, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council of the City of Nelson, to forward you the following copy of a resolution passed by this Council at a meeting held on Friday last: "That this Council desires to place on record its sincere sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Premier of this colony, and also to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier (W. Hall-Jones) and Mrs. Seddon."

Will you kindly convey this intimation to Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

G. A. EDMONDS, for Town Clerk.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF NELSON.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Nelson, 13th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey Mrs. Seddon and family deepest sympathy of the citizens of Nelson in the sad bereavement which has fallen upon them.

J. PIPER, Mayor.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND BURGESSES OF NEW BRIGHTON.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Christchurch, 13th June, 1906.

On behalf of Councillors and burgesses of New Brighton, desire to express sincere sympathy with the Government in their great loss through the death of the Premier.

J. D. MACFARLANE, Mayor.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 12th June, 1906.

It is with feelings of the deepest sorrow and regret at the irreparable loss the colony has suffered by the sudden death of its chief statesman, the Right Hon. the Premier, that I have to convey to you the following resolution, passed by the New Plymouth Borough Council last night: "That this Council tender to the Acting-Premier and his colleagues its deepest sympathy and condolence in the irreparable loss they have sustained by the painfully sudden death of their chief, the Right Hon. the Premier, and that as a mark of respect to the deceased statesman this Council do now adjourn."

It is perhaps unnecessary for me to say that the resolution has my complete concurrence, and that I truly appreciate the loss the colony has sustained by the death of its great Premier.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

E. DOCKRILL, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF NORTH-EAST VALLEY.

(Telegram.)

William Hall-Jones, Wellington.

North-east Valley, 18th June, 1906.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY joins in expressions of deepest grief at loss of late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand. Language is inadequate to express our sympathy with his widow and family. Kindly convey our condolences to her.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Mayor.

NORTH INVERCARGILL BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

North Invercargill, 26th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council of the Borough of North Invercargill, to ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deep sympathy of the Mayor, Councillors, and inhabitants of the borough.

At the meeting of the Council, held on the 21st instant, the following resolution was adopted: "That it was with deep regret that the Council learned of the demise of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of the colony, and that a letter expressing the sympathy of the Mayor, Councillors, and inhabitants of the borough be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon and family."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

W. G. MACKAY, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF OAMARU.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Oamaru, 11th June, 1906.

I HAVE to express the profound regret of the citizens at the decease of the Right Hon. the Premier, and beg to convey to you their sincerest sympathy in the loss of so distinguished a statesman.

ROBERT MILLIGAN, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF ONEHUNGA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Onehunga, 15th June, 1906.

WE desire to convey to you our profound regret at the loss New Zealand has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and that the people of Onehunga desire to tender Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable loss.

JOHN ROWE, Mayor.

HORACE A. YOCKNEY, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF PAHIATUA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Pahiatua, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT Pahiatua's deepest sympathy at loss of our valued Premier Seddon.

D. CREWE, Mayor.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF PALMERSTON SOUTH.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Palmerston, 12th June, 1906.

THE news of the death of New Zealand's greatest statesman caused profound grief here. The citizens of Palmerston South desire me to express their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement.

E. H. CLARK, Mayor.

PALMERSTON SOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Palmerston, Otago, 13th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that the following resolution was passed at the meeting of the Palmerston Borough Council on Tuesday evening: "That this meeting do now adjourn as a tribute of respect to the memory of our late Premier, Richard John Seddon; also convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy with them in their irreparable loss."

Yours, &c.,

W. B. GALLOWAY, Town Clerk.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

PARNELL BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Parnell, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Parnell Borough Council, to forward you the following resolution passed at its meeting held on the 18th instant: *Resolved*, "That the Council of the Borough of Parnell place on record the expression of its deep sorrow for the sudden death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., its sense of the greatness of the man and appreciation of the devoted work he performed as Premier of New Zealand, and that the Council offers its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and her family in her irreparable loss."

I have, &c.,

G. GILMER, Town Clerk.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

- MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF PATEA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Patea, 12th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family heartfelt sympathy of citizens of Patea in their great and sad bereavement. 'Tis truly a national loss.

G. WILLIAMS, Mayor.

PICTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Picton, 15th June, 1906.

I AM instructed by the Mayor and Corporation of Picton to request you to convey their sincere and heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Seddon and family in their terrible bereavement.

J. BLIZZARD, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS, PORT CHALMERS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Port Chalmers, 12th June, 1906.

THE citizens of Port Chalmers deplore the great loss the colony has sustained by Mr. Seddon's death.

ISAAC STEVENSON, Mayor.

RANGIORA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Rangiora, 21st June, 1906.

We desire you to kindly convey the following to Mrs. Seddon: "The Rangiora Borough Council, while placing on record its appreciation of the great services rendered to the colony by the late Mr. Seddon, desires to assure Mrs. Seddon that the people of Rangiora, through the Council, have the deepest sympathy with her and her family in their great and sad bereavement."

E. W. RELPH, Mayor.

E. R. GOOD

C. J. JENNINGS

J. W. FOSTER

F. W. CARMICHAEL

JOHN SANSOM

C. W. BELL

SAMUEL AYERS

WM. T. WILSON

THOS. KEIR

Councillors.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND BURGESSES OF RANGIORA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Rangiora, 11th June, 1906.

THE Mayor, Councillors, and burgesses of Rangiora desire express their sincere sympathy with Government in loss of our Premier. Consider his untimely death a great national disaster.

E. W. RELPH, Mayor.

RICHMOND BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Richmond, 13th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Richmond Borough Council, to forward to you the following resolution, which was unanimously carried at a meeting held on the 12th, and to request that you will be good enough to convey the same to Mrs. Seddon and family, with an assurance of the Council's heartfelt sympathy with them in their sad bereavement: "We, the Borough Council

of Richmond, for ourselves, and on behalf of the burgesses, desire to express our profound regret at the untimely death of our much esteemed Prime Minister, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and our deep sense of the great loss the colony has sustained by his death."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

SAML. FITTALL, Town Clerk.

ROSLYN BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Council Chambers, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that the Roslyn Borough Council, at a meeting held on the 15th instant, passed the following resolution, namely: "This Council deeply regrets the sudden death of the late Prime Minister of the colony, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and expresses its high appreciation of the services rendered by him to the colony, especially in connection with the strengthening of the Imperial sentiment and drawing closer the bonds of loyalty and affection between the colonies and the Mother-country. The Council also desires to express its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their bereavement."

Yours, &c.,

CHARLES WEDGE, Town Clerk.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF ROSS.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ross, 12th June, 1906.

PEOPLE of Ross tender sincere condolence in loss of your great and noble colleague. His memory will long be cherished by the people of Westland. Can you give information when, where interment?

BRUCE, Mayor.

ROTORUA TOWN COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Rotorua, 15th June, 1906.

THE two following motions were passed at a meeting of the Rotorua Town Council, held last night, after which the Council adjourned all business. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family "That this Council desires to express its profound sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony, and also its appreciation of the great and valuable services he has rendered to New Zealand and to the Empire during his long and distinguished career." "That the Council also desires to convey to the family of the late Mr. Seddon its deep and heartfelt sympathy in the great and irreparable loss which has fallen upon them."

C. WALLNUTT, Chairman.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF ROXBURGH.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Roxburgh, 12th June, 1906.

ON behalf residents Roxburgh, accept our deep sympathy for loss sustained by death of Premier.

HUGH CRAIG, Mayor.

BOROUGH OF ST. KILDA.

SIR,—

20th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by the direction of this Council, to forward to you the following resolution, passed at last night's meeting: "That this Council deeply regrets the great loss the colony has sustained by the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and wishes to express its high appreciation of the services rendered to the colony by him."

I have, &c.,

J. B. DICK, Town Clerk.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF STRATFORD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Stratford, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of citizens of Stratford, desire to express our profound sorrow at calamity that has overtaken colony in death of Right Hon. the Premier.

KING, Mayor.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF TAPANUI.

(Telegram.)

Wm. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Tapanui, 16th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Borough Council and citizens of Tapanui, convey to Mrs. Seddon and family sincere sympathies in the great loss they have sustained.

MUNYARD, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF TE AROHA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Te Aroha, 11th June, 1906.

NEWS Premier's death received here profound regret by all. Kindly convey Mrs. Seddon and family Te Aroha's heartfelt sympathy.

R. L. SOMERS, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF TEMUKA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Temuka, 12th June, 1906.

ON behalf of residents of Temuka Borough, I have to express deepest sorrow at the loss to this town and the colony and Empire at large by the death of the people's Premier. Kindly convey our sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family.

THOMAS BUXTON, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF TIMARU.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Timaru, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the people of Timaru, I have to express the sorrow of the community in the great, irreparable loss sustained by the colony, the Empire, yourself, and colleagues through the death of our late esteemed Premier. I shall be glad if you will please convey an expression of our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement.

JAMES CRAGIE, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF WAIHI.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Waihi, 12th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the people of Waihi, I desire to express their heartfelt sorrow at the death of Mr. Seddon. Every one here feels intensely that a great personal loss has been sustained, and that the colony has lost the foremost man in it. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon our deepest sympathy with her great loss.

THOMAS GILMOUR, Mayor.

WAIHI BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Waihi, 26th June, 1906.

I have the honour to convey herein a copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of this Council, the first one held since the death of the late Prime Minister.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

H. D. MORFETH, Town Clerk.

“The Council of the Borough of Waihi desires to express its profoundest sorrow at the death of the late Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Prime Minister of the colony, and its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family; it feels that New Zealand has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of one who so long controlled the destiny of the colony, whose beneficent legislation has so improved the condition of the masses that it has attracted the attention of the civilised world, whose strong Imperialistic tendency has brought New Zealand so much to the front and demonstrated to the world the unity and solidarity of the British Empire, and whose greatness and force of character will perpetuate his name amongst the great statesmen of the British nation.”

WAIMATE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Waimate, 13th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the Waimate Borough Council, held last night, the following resolution was unanimously carried: “That this Council, representing the inhabitants of Waimate, deeply deplore the sudden and untimely death of the Premier (Mr. Seddon), place on record their appreciation of his untiring efforts on behalf of the people of this colony, and tender to Mrs. Seddon and family, through the Acting-Premier, their deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement, and that the Council do now adjourn as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Premier.”

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. MANCHESTER, Mayor.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF WANGANUI.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 11th June, 1906.

WANGANUI mourns the death of New Zealand's greatest citizen.

MACKAY, Mayor.

WANGANUI BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

St. Hill Street, Wanganui, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of my Council, to convey to you the following resolution, passed at its last meeting: “That the Borough Council of Wanganui place on record its sense of the great loss sustained by the colony in the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, and its appreciation of the value of his services to this colony and the British Empire; that the respectful sympathy of the Council be offered to the family of the deceased statesman.”

I am also directed to ask you to kindly convey the above resolution to Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

GEO. MURCH, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF WESTPORT.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Westport, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept yourself and convey to members of Cabinet this town's sincere sorrow at the death of the Premier.

GEO. H. GOTHARD, Mayor.

WEST HARBOUR BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Rothesay, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at the special meeting of the West Harbour Borough Council, held on the 15th instant, the following resolution was carried: "That this Council desires to express its deep sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the colony in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and its keen sympathy with his bereaved family."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

A. W. MAURIS, Town Clerk.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND BURGESSES OF WINTON.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Winton, 15th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Council and burgesses of Winton, Awarua, please tender to Mrs. Seddon and family the deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement, occasioned by the death of so noble a husband and father, and to yourself, on behalf of the Cabinet, on the loss of so worthy a colleague, so distinguished a statesman, and one of the Empire's greatest sons.

C. D. MOORE, Mayor.

MAYOR AND BURGESSES OF WOODVILLE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Woodville, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of burgesses of Woodville, have to express profound grief for Mr. Seddon's death, and deepest sympathy with you and your colleagues. The loss of Mr. Seddon is a national one.

HUBERT BURNETT, Mayor.

WOODVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Woodville, 21st June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Woodville Borough Council, to forward to you a copy of a resolution unanimously agreed to at a meeting of this Council, as follows: "The Woodville Borough Council writes to place on record its profound sorrow at the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., the Prime Minister of the colony, and its high appreciation of the services of the late statesman to the colony and Empire over a long period of years; the Council also wishes to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family in their affliction."

The Council afterwards adjourned their ordinary business for a week as a token of their esteem.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

WM. G. CRAWFORD, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF WOOLSTON.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Acting-Premier.

Woolston, 21st June, 1906.

THE following resolution was passed at a public meeting held at Woolston last evening: "That this meeting of electors of the Borough of Woolston desires to record its heartfelt sorrow at the sad and sudden calamity which has overtaken the colony through the death of the late Premier, and to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy in their severe and trying affliction." Please forward to Mrs. Seddon.

JOHN RICHARDSON, Mayor.

WOOLSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Woolston, 26th June, 1906.

THE Woolston Borough Council, at its first meeting, held last evening, passed the following resolution: "That this Council wishes to place on record its sorrow at the deep loss the colony has sustained in the death of its beloved Premier, and to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincere sympathy in their trying affliction."

JOHN RICHARDSON, Mayor.

TOWN, ROAD, DOMAIN, RIVER, AND DRAINAGE BOARDS, ETC.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

KAIKORA NORTH TOWN BOARD.

MADAM,—

Kaikora North, 13th July, 1906.

I have the honour to post you a copy of resolution carried in silence at a meeting held last week by the Kaikora North Town Board, as under: "That this Board places on record their deepest sympathy with the widow and family of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister, and condole with Mrs. Seddon in the very great loss the family and country have sustained by the lamented death of New Zealand's great leader."

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

J. C. TAYLOR, Clerk.

MANAIA TOWN BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Manaia, Taranaki, 2nd July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to convey to you the following resolution, which was passed at the last meeting of the Manaia Town Board: "That this Board desires to place on record its sincere regret at the great loss the colony has sustained through the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desires to express to Mrs. Seddon its high appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the colony and of this and other local bodies during his long and able career as Prime Minister of New Zealand."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. ARCHER, Clerk.

PAPAKURA TOWN BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Papakura, 5th July, 1906.

The Papakura Town Board desires me to convey to you the following motion, passed at the usual monthly meeting, held last evening: "That this Board places on record its deep sense of the great loss to the colony through the death of the late Premier, Richard John Seddon; also its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JOHN BREMNER, Secretary.

WAIPAWA TOWN BOARD.

MADAM,—

12th July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward you a copy of the original motion, carried with all due respect at a meeting of the Waipawa Town Board on Thursday, 5th July, 1906, as follows: "That this meeting assembled expresses its most sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in overwhelming sorrow; also, expresses its deep regret at the irreparable loss they and the country (which he delighted to eulogize) have sustained in the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. C. TAYLOR, Clerk.

WYNDHAM TOWN BOARD.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

18th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Wyndham Town Board, to convey to you an expression of their feeling of regret at the sad death of your husband, the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and of respectful sympathy with you and the members of your family in the great bereavement which has fallen upon your house.

Memorial services are to be held on Thursday, in the large Town Hall.

A marked copy of newspaper accompanies this.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. J. MARSH, Clerk.

AKAROA AND WAINUI ROAD BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Duvauchelles, 23rd July, 1906.

The Board, at their meeting on Saturday, passed the following resolution: "That this Board convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy in their sad and sudden bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

H. W. WILKINS, Clerk.

ELLESMERE ROAD BOARD.

MADAM,—

Leeston, 2nd July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Ellesmere Road Board, to forward to you a copy of the following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Board, held this day, viz.: "That the members of the Ellesmere Road Board and residents of the district desire to extend to Mrs. Seddon and family, and to express, their sincere sympathy in their very sad and sudden bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM G. LUNN, Clerk.

HUNTLY ROAD BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Huntly, 25th June, 1906.

At the meeting of the Huntly Road Board on Saturday, the following motion was carried unanimously: "That the Huntly Road Board wishes to express its deep sorrow at the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and tender to Mrs. Seddon and family its heartfelt condolence and sympathy in their sad bereavement."

J. P. BAILEY, Chairman.

KAITOKE, KAUKATEA, PURUA, AND MATAONGAONGA ROAD BOARDS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Whanganui, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Chairmen of the Kaitoke, Kaukatea, Purua, and Mataongaonga Road Boards, on behalf of the inhabitants of their several districts, to condole with you in your very great loss.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

ERNEST BARNES, Clerk to Boards.

LINCOLN ROAD BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Prebbleton, Canterbury, 9th July, 1906.

I have the honour to convey to you and your family the Lincoln Road Board's deepest sympathy and sorrow in the loss you have sustained by the very sudden death of your revered husband. May the great Architect of the Universe in His infinite mercy soften the blow so suddenly given in the sincere wish of all.

Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

F. W. EAST, Clerk.

MANGANUI ROAD BOARD.

MADAM,—

Midhirst, 24th July, 1906.

At the last meeting of the Manganui Road Board, it was resolved, "That this Board offers to Mrs. Seddon and her family its sincere sympathy for the irreparable loss to them of the late Right Hon. Mr. Seddon by his untimely and sudden decease, a loss which is deeply deplored also by the settlers in the Manganui Road District."

The Board then adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Prime Minister.

If permitted, I should also desire to express my sympathy for yourself and family, personally

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED COLEMAN, Clerk.

MAUNGAKARAMEA ROAD BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Maungakaramea, 16th June, 1906.

On behalf of myself and colleagues, in accordance with a resolution passed to-day, I beg to tender our earnest and heartfelt sympathy with yourself and family in your sudden and sad bereavement. The country has lost a great and good statesman, your family a kind and noble father, and yourself a fond and affectionate husband, and we trust that the sympathy of the whole civilised world, which is assuredly yours, will be some solace to you in your great and heavy sorrow.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

D. J. O'CARROLL, Chairman.

MOUNT ALBERT ROAD BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Morningside, 5th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of my Board, to send to you the enclosed copy of a resolution passed unanimously at the first meeting held after the occurrence of the mournful event which has called it forth.

Please permit me to say on my own account that I personally concur with the expression of sorrow and sympathy expressed in the resolution.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

H. C. HASELDEN, Clerk.

(Copy of Resolution.)

"The Mount Albert Road Board at this, its first meeting since hearing the sad news of the tragic death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., places on record its deep sorrow at the loss sustained by the colony, its appreciation of the life and work of the great man who has gone, and its kindly sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in the sudden bereavement that has befallen them, and directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Seddon."

MOUNT PEEL ROAD BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Peel Forest, 15th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the members of the Mount Peel Road Board to forward you a copy of a resolution passed at its meeting to-day, which reads as follows: "The Mount Peel Road Board desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family, and also with the Colony of New Zealand, at the irreparable loss sustained by them through the death of the late Prime Minister, who has devoted his life to the cause of New Zealand and also to the furtherance of Imperialism."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

G. J. DENNISTON, Chairman.

E. H. TEMPLER, Acting-Clerk.

O'KAIN'S BAY ROAD BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

O'Kain's Bay, 12th June, 1906.

O'KAIN'S BAY Road Board express deepest sympathy with yourself and family in your sad bereavement.

GEORGE MASON, Chairman.

PATANGATA ROAD BOARD.

MADAM,—

Kaikora North, 13th July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward you a copy of minute passed at the recent meeting of the Patangata Road Board, as follows: "That this Board place on record their most sincere sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Seddon and family in the irreparable loss they and this country have sustained by the passing-away of the colony's greatest statesman and Prime Minister."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. C. TAYLOR, Clerk.

RAKAIA ROAD BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hororata, 14th June, 1906.

RAKAIA Road Board and ratepayers of district offer sincere condolences in your irreparable loss.
R. N. BEALEY, Chairman.

REMUERA ROAD BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Remuera, Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

I have been directed to convey to you the following resolution, which was passed at a meeting of the Remuera Road Board held last night: "That this meeting of the Remuera Road Board deeply regrets the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and offers its heartfelt sympathy to his widow and family."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. J. DINNISON, Clerk.

SOUTH RAKAIA ROAD BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Rakaia, 16th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the South Rakaia Road Board, I desire to express our sincere sorrow and sympathy in your sad bereavement.
JOHN LAMBIE, Chairman.

TEMPLETON ROAD BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Yaldhurst, 22nd June, 1906.

By direction of my Board, I have to convey to you their deep sympathy and sorrow, and to forward you the following resolution: "That the Board places on record its great sense of the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad affliction."

Personally I have also to tender sincere sympathy, and remain

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

GEO. MAGINNESS, Clerk.

WAIUKU ROAD BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Waiuku, 21st July, 1906.

I am desired by the Waiuku Road Board to convey to you herewith the following resolution, having reference to your recent sad loss in the death of Mr. Seddon: "That the Waiuku Road Board tenders to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincere sympathy in their recent heavy bereavement, and trusts that the knowledge of the universal sympathy may in a measure assuage the deep grief which the sad event has occasioned."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

WILLIAM J. KING, Clerk.

WAITOA ROAD BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Waitoa, Auckland, 2nd July, 1906.

At a meeting held on the 30th June a resolution was passed expressing the Board's deepest sympathy with yourself and family in the irreparable loss sustained, and placing on record its appreciation of the many excellent services rendered to the colony by the late Premier.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

W. ABBEY, Clerk.

CHRISTCHURCH DOMAINS BOARD.

MADAM,—

218 Hereford Street, Christchurch, 18th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Board to convey to yourself and family its sympathy in the very great bereavement sustained in the death of the late Right Hon. the Premier.

A special vote of condolence was passed to yourself and family at the meeting of the Board called for the 10th instant.

This was the only business taken at the meeting, which was then adjourned out of respect to the late statesman.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

SECRETARY.

MANGERE DOMAIN BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Onehunga, 15th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the members of the Mangere Domain Board held this day, a vote was passed by the members expressing their sympathy with you in the great loss that you have sustained, and regret at the great loss the country has sustained, in the death of the late Premier.

Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

JAMES ROBERTSON, Chairman.

HUTT RIVER BOARD.

MADAM,—

Lower Hutt, 14th June, 1906.

I am directed to inform you that the ordinary meeting of the Hutt River Board called for Tuesday evening last was adjourned until Friday next, as a mark of respect to the memory of your late illustrious husband, and I was instructed to convey to yourself and family an expression of the Board's condolence in your sad bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

P. R. PURSER, Clerk.

ELLESMERE LAND DRAINAGE BOARD.

MADAM,—

Ataahua, Christchurch, N.Z., June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Ellesmere Land Drainage Board, to communicate to you a resolution passed at the Board's meeting on the 5th instant.

Proposed by Mr. R. Heaton Rhodes, M.H.R., the Chairman, "That this Board place on record its deep regret at the great loss the country has sustained in the untimely death of the late Premier, and to express its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their great affliction."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

T. QUEALY, Secretary.

TOWN, ROAD, DOMAIN, RIVER, AND DRAINAGE BOARDS, ETC.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

AMBERLEY TOWN BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Amberley, 13th June, 1906.

AMBERLEY Town Board, at meeting, expressed sense of loss colony sustained through death of late Premier, and request you to suitably convey sincere sympathy of members to Mrs. Seddon and family on their sad and sudden bereavement.

A. E. ROGERS, Chairman.

BULL'S TOWN BOARD.

SIR,—

Bull's, 19th June, 1906.

On behalf of myself and members of the Bull's Town Board, I beg to convey to you and to Mrs. Seddon and family the sincere regret which we all feel at the untimely decease of our beloved and honoured late Premier.

We also desire to extend our sincere sympathy to his widow and the members of his family in their sad bereavement, and earnestly hope that the feelings of regret and sorrow expressed by us, as well as by the whole of the people of this colony, will be a solace to them, and will tend to alleviate the bitterness of their great and irreparable loss.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JOHN E. WALKER, Chairman.

TOWN BOARD AND CITIZENS OF CLINTON.

(Telegram.)

William Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Clinton, 18th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the citizens of Clinton, I wish to express the profound sorrow occasioned by the Premier's sudden death; on their behalf desire you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family an expression of their sincere sympathy.

W. NELSON, Chairman.

CLYDE TOWN BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Wairoa, 12th June, 1906.

INSTRUCTED by members of Clyde Town Board, on behalf of their fellow-townsmen, to express their great regret at the loss of your distinguished colleague, Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier. Will you kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deepest sympathy of the Board on account of their irreparable loss.

J. SARGISSON, Clerk.

TOWN BOARD AND RESIDENTS OF HELENSVILLE.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Helensville, 12th June, 1906.

THE Town Board and residents of Helensville wish to convey through you their sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family, also with your Government, on the loss sustained by the death of the late Premier.

N. M. CAMERON, Chairman.

HUNTERVILLE TOWN BOARD.

HONOURED SIR,—

Hunterville, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward you copy of resolution passed by the Hunterville Town Board, before commencing business at their usual monthly meeting held last evening: "That the Hunterville Town Board record on the minutes their sincere regret at the unexpected death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand. His great public services to our colony and to the Empire will live in the memory of the people."

We also wish to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family our deep sympathy with them in the great loss they have sustained.

All who knew him admired, and those who knew him intimately loved him.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

ROBT. H. COLTMAN, Acting-Chairman.

KAPONGA TOWN BOARD.

DEAR SIR,—

By direction of the Board, I beg to tender sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

Kaponga, 19th June, 1906.

I have, &c.,

R. T. COWERN, Clerk.

MANAIA TOWN BOARD.

SIR,—

Maniaia, Taranaki, 30th June, 1906.

At the last meeting of the above Board the following resolution was passed, and I was directed to forward a copy to the Government: "That this Board desires to place on record its sincere regret at the great loss the colony has sustained through the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desires to express to the Government its high appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the colony, and of this and other local bodies, during his long and able career as Prime Minister of New Zealand."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

F. ARCHER, Clerk.

NORMANBY TOWN BOARD.

SIR,—

Normanby, 18th June, 1906.

Kindly forward to Mrs. Seddon the following motion from the Normanby Town Board and the people of Normanby: "Allow us, the Normanby Town Board and the people of Normanby, to offer you our most sincere expression of condolence in the sad bereavement which has so suddenly fallen upon you. Your sorrow is shared by millions of good and true men and women all over the British Empire in the loss of so really a good and humane statesman, who will be difficult indeed to replace, and who on leaving Sydney wired to a Melbourne friend that he was leaving for 'God's own country,' which he did, and God's will was done."

The meeting was then adjourned.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

HUGH McKoy, Chairman.

OPOTIKI TOWN BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

SINCEREST sorrow by all parties the sad loss to the country sad death of our Premier.

Opotiki, 11th June, 1906.

W. J. ADDIS, Chairman.

OPUNAKE TOWN BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

OPUNAKE sincerely regrets death of Premier. Please convey sympathy Mrs. Seddon.

Opunake, 13th June, 1906.

W. C. DUDLEY, Chairman.

OTAUTAU TOWN BOARD.

DEAR SIR,—

Riverton, 12th June, 1906.

At the request of the Otautau Town Board, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of the resolution passed by the Board, expressive of their profound sense of sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, and deep sympathy with bereaved relatives.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

J. C. THOMSON.

DEAR SIR,—

Otautau, 11th June, 1906.

The following resolution was unanimously passed at to-night's meeting of the Board, and I would respectfully ask that you will convey same to the Hon. Acting-Premier: "That the members of the Otautau Town Board desire to place on record their profound sense of sorrow at the great and irreparable loss sustained by this colony and the British Empire in the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., Premier of New Zealand, and to convey to the bereaved relatives their deep sympathy with them in their hour of trial, and to assure them of the abiding and respectful affection the people of this part of the colony entertain for the memory of the illustrious deceased statesman. That it be an instruction to the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the member for the district, for transmission to the Hon. the Acting-Premier, and that the Board stand adjourned for one week to mark the members' respect for the memory of the deceased."

I have, &c.,

J. C. Thomson, Esq., M.H.R., Riverton, Wallace.

JOHN FISHER, Town Clerk.

OUTRAM TOWN BOARD.

SIR,—

Outram, 19th June, 1906.

At a special meeting of the Outram Town Board it was unanimously resolved to place on record their deep sense of the very great loss sustained by the colony through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and record their high appreciation of the eminent services rendered by him to the colony, and this Board desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family their sincere sympathy with them in their great sorrow. Kindly convey same to Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

JOHN GRANT, Town Clerk.

RONGOTEA TOWN BOARD.

SIR,—

Rongotea, 15th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the above Board, held last evening, the following resolution was passed: "That this Board desires to express its deep regret at the loss sustained by our own colony and the Empire by the untimely death of our late Prime Minister, and tenders its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family."

Will you kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon this expression of regret?

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

C. P. Wood, Clerk.

SOUTHBRIDGE TOWN BOARD.

DEAR SIR,—

16th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Board, the following resolution was passed: "The Board places on record a resolution regretting the sad death of our late Premier, Richard John Seddon, and expresses its heartfelt sympathy with the bereaved family."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

W. SCOTT, Clerk.

TE AWAMUTU TOWN BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Te Awamutu, 15th June, 1906.

THE Te Awamutu Town Board tenders its heartfelt sympathy at the loss the British Empire has sustained by the death of our noble and great-hearted chief.

J. B. TEASDALE, Chairman.

WAIPUKURAU TOWN BOARD.

SIR,—

Waipukurau Town Board, 15th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the above Board, held last night, a resolution was passed expressing sorrow at the loss the Empire has sustained through the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and I was instructed to convey to you the warm sympathy of the members of the Board.

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

G. B. ASHLEY, Clerk.

AKAROA AND WAINUI ROAD BOARD.

DEAR SIR,—

Duvauchelles, 23rd July, 1906.

I have been directed to forward you the following resolution passed by the Board at their meeting on Saturday: "That this Board places on record its deep sense of feeling at the deplorable loss the colony has sustained by the death of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

H. W. WILKINS, Clerk.

AWHITU ROAD BOARD.

SIR,—

Awhitu, 30th June, 1906.

The Board at its monthly meeting, held to-day, directed me to express its profound regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and the consequent great loss to the whole colony.

Also further, to request that you will convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

S. C. LEACH, Clerk.

EDEN TERRACE ROAD BOARD.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 20th June, 1906.

THE Eden Terrace Road Board, at its meeting last night, resolved as follows: "That this Board desires to place on record its heartfelt sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Seddon and her family in the loss they and the country have sustained by the death of the late Premier, who, apart from political differences, has evidenced by his life that he was such a one that, take him for all in all, we shall never look upon his like again."

EDEN TERRACE ROAD BOARD.

EPSOM ROAD BOARD.

SIR,—

Newmarket, 13th June, 1906.

I have been directed by the Epsom Road Board to forward you the following copy of a resolution which was passed at a meeting of this Board on the 12th day of June, 1906: "That the Epsom Road Board desires to express its sense of the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

WM. HOGG, Clerk.

GERALDINE ROAD BOARD.

DEAR SIR,—

June, 1906.

Kindly convey the following resolution to Mrs. Seddon, on behalf of the Geraldine Road Board: "It is with unspeakable regret that the Board are made aware of the sudden death of the Premier of the colony, and desire to bear testimony to his great ability and many sterling qualities as Minister of the Crown. Mr. Seddon has not only held office longer than any of his predecessors, but has all through his Ministerial career been most earnest and energetic in his efforts to promote the welfare of New Zealand. By the Premier's death a vacancy will be caused in the colony's politics which it will be most difficult to fill. This Board desires to condole with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement."

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

THOS. DYER, Clerk.

HEATHCOTE ROAD BOARD.

DEAR SIR,—

Heathcote Road Board Office, 23rd July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Heathcote Road Board, to forward the following resolution passed at its last meeting, with a request that it should be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon: "That this Board records its appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the colony and the Empire by the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, whose death we all deplore, and to express to Mrs. Seddon and family our sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

S. R. WRIGHT, Clerk.

KATIKATI ROAD BOARD.

DEAR MR. HALL-JONES,—

Martray, Katikati, Sunday, 24th June, 1906.

With feelings of the most sincere personal regret and pain, I forward herewith copy of a resolution adopted by the Katikati Road Board at its ordinary meeting, held yesterday. Though I could not follow Mr. Seddon in all his political views, yet I could not but esteem and admire him for his many many good qualities, and regard his removal as the loss of a friend, and almost a national disaster.

Yours, &c.,

GEO. VESEY STEWART, Chairman.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier's Office, Wellington.

(Copy of Resolution.)

"That the Katikati Road Board, at its first meeting since the melancholy death of the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., expresses its most sincere regret at the severe loss sustained by the colony. Mr. Seddon was a born leader of men, an enthusiastic Imperialist, and a sincere lover of his adopted country. The members of the Board tender their most heartfelt sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sore bereavement, and the irreparable loss they have sustained."

MANDEVILLE AND RANGIORA ROAD BOARD.

DEAR SIR,—

Rangiora, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of my Board, to forward you the following resolutions, which were passed at their meeting to-day: "That this Board places on record its deep sense of the great loss sustained by the colony and the Empire by the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon"; also, "That this Board convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincere sympathy in their sad and sudden bereavement." Kindly convey the latter resolution to Mrs. Seddon, and oblige.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

JAMES MARSHALL, Clerk.

MANGAKAHIA ROAD BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Wm. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Poroti, 19th June, 1906.

The Chairman and members of the Mangakahia Road Board wish to express their deepest regret at the death of the late Premier, also their sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement.

ANGUS J. MCKAY, Chairman.

ROAD BOARD AND RESIDENTS OF MAUNU.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Whangarei, 14th June, 1906.

In absence of Chairman, Maunu Road Board, I convey deepest regret of Chairman, members, and residents Maunu Road District at great loss New Zealand has sustained through the death of our honoured and loved Premier, and tender sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great sorrow.

J. MCKINNON, Clerk.

MOUNT EDEN ROAD BOARD.

SIR,—

Mount Eden, 5th July, 1906.

In reference to the death of the late Hon. Prime Minister, I have the honour, by direction of the Board, to transmit to you a copy of the resolution passed that evening by the Board, this being the first time of meeting since the sad event: "The Board expresses their deep regret at the great loss which the colony has sustained by the death of the late Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, and extends to his widow and family their sincere sympathy and condolences in their sad bereavement."

This resolution was passed unanimously by the Board, and would have been sent earlier if a meeting had permitted the Board to do this.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH WEBLEY, Clerk.

MOUNT MAGNET ROAD BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Mount Magnet, 16th June, 1906.

RATEPAYERS, Mount Magnet Road Board, lament loss sustained by death of late Premier.

QUINLAN, Chairman.

OMAKA ROAD BOARD.

SIR,—

Blenheim, 6th July, 1906.

At a meeting of the above Board held on 2nd instant, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That the Board desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family a sincere and respectful message of sympathetic condolence in the sorrowful bereavement they and the country have suffered by the decease of a loved and honoured husband, father, and statesman, our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon."

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

H. HOWARD.

ONE TREE HILL ROAD BOARD.

SIR,—

Newmarket, 20th June, 1906.

I have been directed by the One Tree Hill Road Board to forward you the following copy of a resolution which was passed at a meeting of the Board held last evening, 19th June, 1906: "That this Board deeply regret the great loss the colony has sustained by the sudden and untimely death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and desire to express their deepest sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

WM. HOGG, Clerk.

OTAHUHU ROAD BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Otahuhu, 20th June, 1906.

THE members of the Otahuhu Road Board respectfully ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family a sincere expression of sympathy in their bereavement, and also of their sense of the loss sustained by the colony in the death of its great leader.

E. WEST, Secretary.

OXFORD ROAD BOARD.

SIR,—

East Oxford, 4th July, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of the Oxford Road Board held this day, a motion of the Chairman was adopted expressing the deepest regret at the great loss sustained by the colony through the sudden death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and of deep sympathy with the new Premier and his colleagues in the loss of their leader.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. H. GAINSFORD, Clerk.

PARUA ROAD BOARD AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Parua Bay, 18th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Parua Road Board and surrounding districts, I beg to tender our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great grief, and also to convey our deepest regret at the loss New Zealand has sustained.

J. WORTHINGTON, Clerk.

PUKEKOURA ROAD BOARD.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Cambridge, 16th June, 1906.

THE Pukekoura Road Board express the utmost regret at the sudden demise of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and request you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the Board's sincerest sympathy with them in their affliction.

ROBERT FISHER, Chairman.

POLLOK SETTLEMENT ROAD BOARD.

SIR,—

Pollok, Auckland, 5th July, 1906.

At to-day's meeting of the Pollok Settlement Road Board—the first since Mr. Seddon's death—it was unanimously resolved to ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the sincere condolence of the Board for the death of her husband, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and their heartfelt wish that time may lessen their grief and memory change sorrow into resignation.

The Board at the same time wish to express their deep sense of the great loss sustained by the colony in the decease of one who has so long and so honourably filled the exalted position of Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

LLEWELLYN RICHARDS, Clerk.

RIWAKA ROAD BOARD.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Motueka, 19th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey the following resolution passed last evening at meeting Riwaka Road Board: "That this Board deplores the untimely death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of this colony, and desires to place on record its high appreciation of his great services rendered to the people of New Zealand, also his ever ready and kindly consideration for all public bodies; and it further desires to express its deep and sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family on their sad and sudden bereavement."

GEORGE H. BUDDEN, Clerk.

SOUTH RAKAIA ROAD BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Christchurch, 4th July, 1906.

SOUTH RAKAIA Road Board desires to express its deep sense of sorrow and loss this colony has sustained through the sad decease of the Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also begs to tender its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement.

JOHN LAMBIE, Chairman.

SPRINGS ROAD BOARD.

HONOURED SIR,—

Springton, 27th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Springs Road Board, to forward a copy of a resolution passed at its meeting yesterday, and to ask if you will be good enough to carry it to Mrs. Seddon and family, as follows: At the monthly meeting of the Springs Road Board yesterday, the Chairman made feeling reference to the death of Mr. Seddon, and moved, "That this Board desires to put on record its sense of the great loss sustained by the colony through the death of the Premier, and that the deepest sympathy of the Board be extended to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great sorrow."

The motion was carried in silence, members standing, and ordered to be sent to Mrs. Seddon as a mark of respect from the people in this district to the late Premier.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

HENRY NEALE, Clerk.

TEMPLETON ROAD BOARD.

SIR,—

3rd July, 1906.

By direction, I have to forward to you the following resolution, which was passed at the last ordinary meeting of the Templeton Road Board: "That this Board records on its minutes the sorrow and regret it feels at the death of the late Hon. Mr. R. J. Seddon, who has done so much for the welfare of the people of New Zealand and the Empire, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, to be forwarded by him to Mrs. Seddon, conveying this Board's deepest sympathy with herself and family in the great loss they have experienced."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

GEO. MAGINNES, Clerk.

WAIMEA WEST ROAD BOARD.

DEAR SIR,—

Waimea West, 18th July, 1906.

I was instructed by the Waimea West Road Board, at their first meeting held since the late Premier's death, to convey to you their sincere sympathy at the loss the country has sustained by this sad event.

Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

JAMES O'CONNOR, Secretary.

WAIPU NORTH ROAD BOARD.

SIR,—

Waipu, 19th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the above Board to ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family and to the members of the Government how sincerely they feel that the home and the colony have lost their best friend.

On the occasion of his visit to Waipu, one and all realised that the late Mr. Seddon was a fine man.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT R. M. MCKAY, Clerk.

ROAD BOARD AND RESIDENTS OF WHAREORA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Whangarei, 13th June, 1906.
KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family my Board's and residents' of Whareora regret at loss colony has sustained death Hon. Mr. Seddon, and express sympathy with them in their sudden bereavement.
JOHN DONALD, Chairman.

OPOTIKI AND WAIREKA DOMAIN BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington. Opotiki, 16th June, 1906.
TRUSTEES Opotiki and Waireka Domain Board desire to convey expression of deepest sympathy and regret at death of late Prime Minister, and feel that the country has lost a great statesman, and one whose name will ever be associated with the history of New Zealand.
D. McDONALD, Chairman.

CLUTHA RIVER BOARD.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Balclutha, 27th June, 1906.
THE members of the Clutha River Board condole with you over the incalculable loss sustained by the colony and the British Empire by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. The Board also desire to extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement.
J. SMYTH FLEMING, Secretary.

WANGANUI RIVER TRUST.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Wanganui, 11th June, 1906.
SINCERE condolences from self and members Wanganui River Trust on death of Mr. Seddon, New Zealand's great statesman.
T. D. CUMMINS, Chairman.

CHRISTCHURCH TRAMWAY BOARD.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 6th July, 1906.
I have the honour to forward you the following resolution, which was passed at at meeting of the Christchurch Tramway Board held on the 22nd June last, the forwarding of which has been delayed owing to the illness of the Board's Secretary: "That this Board wishes to place on record its great sense of the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family under their deep affliction."
Will you kindly convey this resolution to Mrs. Seddon.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Prime Minister, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM REECE, Chairman.

CHRISTCHURCH DRAINAGE BOARD.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 20th June, 1906.
I have the honour, by direction of the Board, to convey to you a copy of the resolution which was passed unanimously at its meeting of yesterday, expressing its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family on the occasion of the death of the late Premier, after which the Board adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory.

I am further directed to ask if you will be good enough to transmit the resolution to Mrs. Seddon: "That this Board desires to place on record its deep sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the colony through the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and wishes to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its most sincere sympathy with them in their great bereavement."
I have, &c.,

EDWIN CUTHBERT, Engineer and Secretary.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

ELTHAM DRAINAGE BOARD.

SIR,—

Eltham, 26th June, 1906.
I have the honour to hereunder forward you copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of this Board, viz.: "That this Board deeply regrets the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and that a letter be sent to the Premier, asking him to convey to Mrs. Seddon the sincere sympathy of the Board with her and family in their bereavement."
I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

W. J. TRISTRAM, Clerk.

SEFTON-ASHLEY DRAINAGE BOARD.

SIR,—

Sefton, 19th June, 1906.
I am instructed to forward you the following motion passed by my Board at its monthly meeting last evening, viz.: "That the Board forward to the Acting-Premier an expression of their deep sense of the great loss the colony has sustained in the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also of their profound sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."
I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

THOS. WYLLIE, Chairman.

HARBOUR BOARDS.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

AUCKLAND HARBOUR BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 14th June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward you the following resolution, which was passed by the Board at its meeting held on Tuesday last, the 12th instant: "That this meeting of the Auckland Harbour Board deeply regrets the loss the Empire and Colony of New Zealand have sustained by the sudden death of the colony's greatest statesman, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., Prime Minister, and offers its heartfelt sympathy and condolence to his widow and family in this their hour of great trial and affliction; and this resolution conveying our sorrow and sympathy be forwarded by the Chairman to Mrs. Seddon."

I very much regret that such a painful duty should have fallen upon me, and every member of the Board desires that I should convey to you and your family their sincere sympathy and condolence in this your great hour of trial.

Trusting that you and your family will have strength given you to bear up against this great loss you have sustained.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

E. MITCHELSON, Chairman.

BLUFF HARBOUR BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Invercargill, 16th June, 1906.

PERMIT me, on behalf of the members of the Bluff Harbour Board, to offer you our sincere and heartfelt sympathy with yourself and all members of your family in the terrible blow that has so unexpectedly fallen upon you through the sudden death of your husband, our distinguished Premier. We trust that the universal sympathy of the whole of the people of the colony and so many in other lands may help to comfort you in the hour of sorrow, and that God may sustain and console you in this sore bereavement.

J. R. WATSON, Chairman.

BLUFF HARBOUR BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Campbelltown, 10th July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward to you the following resolution, which was passed unanimously at the last ordinary monthly meeting of the Board: "That the Board places on record its deep sense of the great loss sustained by the colony and by the Empire through the lamented death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., and offers its respectful sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and her family in the sad loss they have sustained."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

GEO. R. GEORGE, Secretary.

GREYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Greymouth, 14th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at the meeting of this Board, held on Tuesday last, the Chairman (Mr. R. Russell) spoke of the deep grief all felt at the news of the death of Mr. Seddon. He moved, "That this Board places on record its profound regret at the loss sustained by the colony, and especially by the West Coast, through the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Prime Minister of New Zealand, and its appreciation of his great services in the interests of the colony and of the Empire. Further, the Board desires to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their great and sorrowful bereavement."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Guinness, and carried unanimously, after which the Board adjourned out of respect to Mr. Seddon's memory.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

H. B. BARRETT, Secretary.

HOKITIKA HARBOUR BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Hokitika, 5th July, 1906.

I am instructed to convey to you the following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Board held on the 3rd instant, viz.: "That this Board places on record its sense of the great loss which the district, the colony, and the Empire have sustained by the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and its belief that he was taken away at a time when his matured wisdom and ardent patriotism would have been of incalculable benefit in strengthening and consolidating the ties which unite the various parts of the British Empire. Further, the Board tenders its deepest sympathy to the widow and family in their great bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

G. W. BIGNELL, Secretary.

OTAGO HARBOUR BOARD.

MADAM,—

Dunedin, 30th June, 1906.

At the last meeting of this Board, I was instructed to convey to you and your family the Board's deep sympathy in the sudden and sore loss you have sustained by the death of Mr. Seddon.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

SECRETARY.

PATEA HARBOUR BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Patea, 16th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept sincere sympathy of Board in your heavy bereavement. Board fully recognises your late husband's great devotion to duty and devotion to country's interest. Loss will be keenly felt.

McKENNA, Chairman.

PATEA HARBOUR BOARD.

MADAM,—

Patea, New Zealand, 4th July, 1906.

I am directed by my Board to forward you copy of resolution passed unanimously at yesterday's meeting: "That this Board places on record its appreciation of the great services rendered by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon to the Empire and colony, and mourns the great loss sustained by his death. The Board respectfully tenders its sincere sympathy to the bereaved widow and family."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

E. C. HORNER, Secretary.

WAIMAKARIRI HARBOUR BOARD.

MADAM,—

Kaiapoi, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board, to express its sincere sorrow and sympathy with you and your family on the painfully sudden end of the life of your lamented husband, the late Premier, who for so long a time had filled the highest position that was in the power of the people of the colony to give him.

His able administration of affairs had endeared him to the people, and his policy had made him a name in national history which will not be forgotten, and his attention to the affairs of those who applied to him was always so kindly and sympathetic that he will be missed by those who have business with the Government. The many Acts of Parliament which he was the author of for ameliorating and promoting the welfare of the many will cause his memory to be retained as a household word in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

EDWARD REVELL, Secretary.

WAITARA HARBOUR BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Waitara, 18th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Board, I desire to express the Board's deep sympathy with you and your family in your sad bereavement.

G. H. STUBBS, Chairman.

WELLINGTON HARBOUR BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 22nd June, 1906.

With great regret I have the honour to convey to you the following resolution passed at a special meeting of the Board, held on the 14th instant: "The Wellington Harbour Board places on record its sincere regret at the unexpected demise of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand. His great public services to the colony and the Empire will live in the memory of the people. The Board also conveys to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family its deep sympathy in the loss they have sustained."

I am, &c.,

T. KENNEDY MACDONALD, Chairman.

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

HARBOUR BOARDS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

GISBORNE HARBOUR BOARD.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Gisborne, 16th June, 1906

THE Gisborne Harbour Board express their sincere regret at the irreparable loss the colony and Empire have sustained by the sudden demise of the Premier of New Zealand, the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, and desire you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deep sympathy and condolence in their sad bereavement.

JOHN TOWNLEY, Chairman.

LYTTELTON HARBOUR BOARD.

SIR,—

18th June, 1906.

ON behalf of myself and the members of the Lyttelton Harbour Board, I desire to record our deep sense of the great loss sustained by the Colony of New Zealand through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the Prime Minister, and further, to convey heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their sudden and sad bereavement.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

T. WAYMOUTH, Chairman.

MOTUEKA HARBOUR BOARD.

DEAR SIR,—

Motueka, 25th June, 1906.

The Motueka Harbour Board, at a recent meeting, passed the following resolution: "The Motueka Harbour Board desires to place on record an expression of its sincere sorrow and regret at the untimely death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. The Board desires to convey to Mrs. and the members of her family its condolence and sincere sympathy for them in their sad bereavement."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier.

I have, &c.,

J. H. RANKIN, Chairman.

NELSON HARBOUR BOARD.

DEAR MR. HALL-JONES,—

14th June, 1906.

I enclose herewith a resolution of sympathy by the Nelson Harbour Board with Mrs. Seddon and her family at this the time of deep sorrow and distress in the calamity that has fallen upon them. The esteem in which Mr. Seddon was held, not only throughout New Zealand, but in far-away countries throughout the world, will, I trust, be to them a source of satisfaction and consolation after their first poignant grief has passed away.

The news of Mr. Seddon's death was a terrible blow to his real friends here; for myself I can scarcely yet realise that it is true.

Messrs. Trask, Reeves, McKenzie, and I will leave for Wellington on Saturday to attend the funeral.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

JOHN GRAHAM.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Nelson, 14th June, 1906.

With feelings of deep sorrow and sincere sympathy towards yourself and your sorely bereaved family, it is my sad duty to forward to you and ask you to accept the following resolution which was passed by the Nelson Harbour Board at a meeting held on Tuesday last, the 12th instant: "The Nelson Harbour Board records its profound sorrow because of the death of Mr. Seddon, the Right Hon. Premier of New Zealand, and expresses its high appreciation of his untiring work as a legislator on behalf of the colony during an unbroken period of over a quarter of a century, during more than half of which time the late statesman has occupied the premier position in the gift of the people in the direction of its affairs, with the result that he has been largely instrumental in producing and maintaining an uninterrupted period of general prosperity, greater than has ever before been experienced by the colony, and realises that his place will, indeed, be hard to fill. The Board also respectfully tenders its sincere condolence and sympathy to the Premier's family, and especially to Mrs. Seddon, who has long been the worthy and efficient helpmate to a great man, in her irreparable bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

JOHN GRAHAM.

NEW PLYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

New Plymouth, 15th June, 1906.

"The members of the New Plymouth Harbour Board, at their monthly meeting held this day, 15th June, desire to place on record their great regret at the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. the late Premier, Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and tender their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their severe and sudden bereavement." I am instructed to send this wire by the Board.

CONNETT, Chairman.

TIMARU HARBOUR BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Timaru, 22nd June, 1906.

I HAVE the honour to advise you that the following motion was carried unanimously at the meeting of the Timaru Harbour Board this morning. Will you please convey same to Mrs. Seddon and family.

W. J. BARDSLEY, Secretary.

"That this Board desires to express its profound regret at the great loss which the colony has sustained by the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Prime Minister of New Zealand, and to record its sincere appreciation of the unique and eminent services rendered to the colony during his long and distinguished career; further, that the sympathy of the members of the Board be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family at the sad and irreparable loss which has fallen upon them."

WAIMAKIRIRI HARBOUR BOARD.

SIR,—

Kaiapoi, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board, to write to you that the Waimakiriri Harbour Board desires to express its great sorrow at the loss the colony has sustained by the painfully sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Premier, under whose care the colony has prospered so long, and whose wise and careful administration has been so progressive and productive of such immense advantage to the colony and the Empire.

The Board desires to express its sympathy with the Ministry on the loss of its leader.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

EDWARD NEVILL, Secretary.

WAIROA HARBOUR BOARD.

(Telegram.)
Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.
THIS Board sends condolences.

Wairoa, 11th June, 1906.

CHAIRMAN.

WAITARA HARBOUR BOARD.

(Telegram.)
Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.
ON behalf of the Board, I desire to convey the Board's deep regret at the loss sustained by the Government and colony by the death of the Prime Minister.

Waitara, 18th June, 1906.

G. H. STUBBS, Chairman.

WESTPORT HARBOUR BOARD.

(Telegram.)
Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.
AM directed to send from the Chairman, members, and staff of this Board their deepest, sincerest, and most heartfelt regret at the loss of our great statesman. His death will indeed create a great void in public life. Will you kindly convey condolence as above to his family now in Wellington.

Westport, 11th June, 1906.

GREENLAND, Secretary.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

AUCKLAND ST. HELEN'S HOSPITAL.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.
THE staff of the Auckland St. Helen's Hospital desire to express their sincere sympathy with you in your sad bereavement. Many mothers will mourn the loss of one whose foresight has provided these hospitals for them.

Auckland, 19th June, 1906.

TRACY INGLIS,

Surgeon, St. Helen's Hospital.

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

DEAR MADAM,—
At a meeting of the Hospital trustees held on the 20th instant, the Chairman made feeling reference to the lamented death of your distinguished husband, and the great loss the colony has sustained.

Dunedin, 23rd June, 1906.

The following resolution was carried: "That the trustees place on record their extreme regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and their profound sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

A. BURNS, Secretary.

UNITED DISTRICTS OF CENTRAL OTAGO, TUAPEKA, AND OTAGO CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—
At the last meeting of the above Board a resolution was passed expressive of sympathy with yourself and the members of your family in the severe bereavement you and they have lately sustained through the death of Mr. Seddon.

A.M.P. Buildings, Princes Street, Dunedin, 30th June, 1906.

In conveying the feelings of the Board in this painful matter, allow me to add their sense of the public loss the colony has experienced also. Respectfully offer my own condolences.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

T. S. GRAHAM, Secretary.

GREY RIVER HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.
THE trustees of the Grey River Hospital tender yourself and family sincerest sympathy and condolence in the irreparable loss sustained by you all. You have lost a loving husband and father, the colony and Empire an eminent statesman, and all of us a sympathetic and sincere friend. May he rest in peace.

18th June, 1906.

M. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

HOKITIKA BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

MADAM,—
I have the honour to respectfully forward to you a copy of the following resolution passed at the last meeting of the trustees of the Hokitika Benevolent Institution, held in the County Council Chambers yesterday afternoon: "That the sense of the great loss the colony, and this district in particular, has sustained through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon be recorded in the minutes, and the heartfelt feelings of sorrow and the sincere sympathy of the trustees of this institution be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon, and through her to the other members of her family."

Hokitika, 27th June, 1906.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

H. H. HALLIDAY, Secretary.

JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the trustees of the Institute, held this week, the following resolution was passed: "That the trustees of the Jubilee Institute for the Blind, in their own names and on behalf of the inmates, place on record their most heartfelt regret at the sudden death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the Premier of the colony, and sincerely condole with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their terrible bereavement."

We all feel very deeply the loss of one who has done so much for the colony and the Institute. May your great affliction be to some extent lightened by the knowledge that your dear one is so universally regretted and mourned.

With deepest regret and sympathy.
Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,
R. LESLIE HUNT.

KUMARA HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and family, Wellington.

Kumara, 20th June, 1906.

THE following resolution was passed by the trustees of the Kumara Hospital last evening: "We, the trustees of the Kumara Hospital, deplore the loss the Colony of New Zealand has sustained by the death of its greatest statesman, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and beg to tender our most sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad affliction."

W. B. GILBERT, Secretary.

MERCURY BAY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Whitianga, 11th June, 1906.

THE Mercury Bay Hospital trustees desire to express their sincerest sympathy towards yourself and family in your great trouble.

F. W. MEIKLE, Chairman.

NASEBY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

DEAR MADAM,—

The Hospital, Naseby, 18th June, 1906.

I beg to bring under your notice the fact that the Naseby Hospital trustees at their last meeting passed the following resolution in reference to the death of our late Premier: "That the trustees of the Naseby District Hospital desire to place on record their sense of the great loss the Empire has sustained, and New Zealand in particular, through the death of the Hon. Mr. Seddon, and offer their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in the great bereavement that has befallen them."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I have, &c.,
JOHN W. REEDY.

NORTH AUCKLAND HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Whangarei, 14th June, 1906.

RESOLVED, "That this Board tender its most heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in the irreparable loss which they have sustained through the demise of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon."

ROBERT NAIR, Secretary.

NORTH CANTERBURY HOSPITAL BOARD.

MADAM,—

Christchurch, 7th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the above Board, to convey to you the following resolution that was passed thereby at the last meeting thereof: "That this Board places on record its deep sense of the great loss sustained by the colony at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier, and expresses its appreciation of the interest he always took in matters connected with the amelioration of the sick."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
W. M. MILLER, Secretary.

REEFTON HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

DEAR MADAM,—

Reefton, 30th June, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of the trustees of the Reefton Hospital, held on Thursday, 28th instant, the following resolution was carried: "The trustees of the Reefton Hospital, fully recognising the irreparable loss sustained by the hospitals of New Zealand in the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., whose interest in all matters appertaining to hospital work was so great, hereby offers their sincere sympathy to the widow and family of the deceased statesman in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,
HENRY COOPER, Secretary.

REEFTON HOSPITAL OLD-AGE PENSIONERS.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Reefton, 14th June, 1906.

DEAR MADAM,—The old-age pensioners, Reefton Hospital, respectfully condole and sympathize with you in your great trouble. They are all sad at heart at losing best friend.

HENRY COOPER, Secretary.

SOUTH CANTERBURY HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Timaru, 26th June, 1906.

I am directed by the South Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board to convey to you my Board's deep regret in the great loss you have sustained, and that of the members of your family, by the death of your lamented husband and father of your family, a loss that is deeply felt by the Colony of New Zealand.

My Board trusts you will have grace given you to bear your sorrow and bereavement with fortitude, and the proud knowledge of knowing that he who has gone before will be ever remembered as one who served his country and the land of his adoption with such power and blessing to so many of its inhabitants.

Again assuring you of the Board's deep sympathy.

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

R. ORWIN, Secretary.

SOUTHLAND HOSPITAL TRUST.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Invercargill, 20th June, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of the Southland Hospital Trust, held last evening, I was asked to convey to yourself and family the sympathy of the Trust in your sad bereavement.

A. HAWKE, Chairman.

TARANAKI DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

New Plymouth, 27th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Taranaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, held on the 25th June, the following resolution was unanimously carried, a copy of which I have been instructed to convey to you: "That this Board expresses its regret and sorrow at the untimely death of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Premier of the colony, and places on record its appreciation of the high qualities of the deceased statesman; and tenders to Mrs. Seddon and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement."

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

D. M. LEPPER, Secretary.

TUAPEKA HOSPITAL BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Lawrence, 18th July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward copy of resolution passed at Board meeting last Friday, as follows: "That the Tuapeka Hospital Board deplores the loss the colony has sustained in the death of the late Right Hon. the Premier, R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., the event being a national calamity to the country in whose service he gave his life-work so loyally and devotedly; and tenders its deepest sympathy and condolence to his sorrowing widow and her family in their sad loss and bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

JOHN J. WOODS, Secretary.

TUARANGI HOME, ASHBURTON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Ashburton, 16th June, 1906.

INMATES and staff Tuarangi Home, Ashburton, desire to express their grief and sympathy.

MORRISSEY, Master.

AUCKLAND VETERANS' HOME.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 11th June, 1906.

RESIDENT veterans in Veterans' Home respectfully proffer heartfelt sympathy, and mourn the loss of noble patriot.

Captain ARCHER.

VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOME, INVERCARGILL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, care of Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Invercargill, 15th June, 1906.

THE Committee express their profound sympathy with you in your sad bereavement.

VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOME.

WAIKATO HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Hamilton, 4th July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward herein a resolution passed by this Board, as under: "That this Board desires to place on record its deep sense of the great loss sustained by the colony through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and the Board also desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its profound sympathy with them in their great sorrow."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. T. CONRADI, Secretary.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Seddon and family.

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

THE usual meeting of the Hospital trustees, held this afternoon, was adjourned after passing the following resolution: "This body of hospital trustees desires to express its deepest sympathy with you in your great and terrible bereavement in the loss of so good a husband and father. We feel a great man has fallen—New Zealand's greatest leader and citizen—built upon a large pattern in every sense of the word, and towering above his fellows in statesmanship and Imperial outlook. We feel he will be sadly missed from the halls of our Legislature, but in no place will he be so missed as in his house and the bosom of his family. His strenuous life and efforts for the benefit of his country will ever remain a great monument to his memory."

May a kind Providence sustain you in this the greatest hour of trial and need.

Yours, &c.,

R. H. CHINCHEN, Secretary.

WESTLAND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hokitika, 13th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Charitable Aid Board and many old people of Westland District, am desired convey to you heartfelt sympathy of community at your overwhelming trouble, people having nothing but most kindly feelings for you and yours in time of great trial.

ARTHUR CLIFTON, Chairman.

WESTLAND HOSPITAL TRUSTEES, ETC.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hokitika, 14th June, 1906.

THE trustees, staff, and patients of the Westland Hospital desire to convey to yourself and family their deep sorrow and sympathy in your sad bereavement. Your loss and Westland's is a very heavy one.

J. TAIT, President.

WESTLAND HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

DEAR MADAM,—

Revell Street, Hokitika, 10th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the trustees of the Westland Hospital Board, to inform you that the following is a copy of a resolution passed last evening and recorded on the minutes of the meeting: "That this Board desires to place on record its high sense of appreciation of the devoted and distinguished services rendered to this colony and the Empire by the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., Prime Minister of this colony and member for this constituency, and of the loss the colony has sustained by his sudden and untimely death. The deceased statesman invariably made it his business to visit our institution when in town, often at great personal inconvenience, and his kindly sympathy and encouraging words towards the sick and afflicted on those occasions will live long in the memory of the West-Coasters. The Board is under a special debt of gratitude to our late member for his sympathetic and successful efforts in improving the position of the nursing profession in the smaller hospitals. That this Board respectfully tenders its most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement."

I have, &c.,

J. H. WILSON, Secretary.

WELLINGTON BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

DEAR CAPTAIN SEDDON,—

Harris Street, Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

The trustees of the Wellington Benevolent Institution, being one of the oldest incorporated local bodies in Wellington, desire me to inform you that a resolution was passed at to-day's meeting—viz., "That they wish to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincere regret at the irreparable loss sustained by the demise of your late lamented father."

I have, &c.,

A. W. PURVIS.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

AUCKLAND HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

THE Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board desires to tender an expression of its very sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad and untimely bereavement, and also to express deep regret at the loss the Empire has sustained by the lamentable death of the colony's honoured Premier.

JOHN McLEOD, Chairman.

ASHBURTON HOSPITAL BOARD.

SIR,—

14th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the above Board, to forward you the following resolution, passed unanimously at its meeting to-day: That this Board desires to place on record its sorrow on receiving the news of the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of this colony, and to express the great loss the colony has sustained by the demise of the late statesman; and further, that the Board forwards its condolence to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their bereavement."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. MAINWARING, Clerk.

BULLER HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Westport, 16th June, 1906.

BULLER Hospital and Charitable Aid Board desire to express to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sorrow at the death of the late Premier, whose life was devoted to the assistance of suffering humanity, and to the relief of the aged and helpless. The whole of New Zealand will miss his support in the many philanthropic movements brought forward on his initiative.

H. NAHR, Chairman.

COROMANDEL AND THAMES UNITED CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Thames, 12th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Coromandel and Thames United Charitable Aid Board, held last night, it was resolved that a telegram be forwarded to the Acting-Premier expressing most profound regret at the very sad and sudden death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the keenest sense of the great loss sustained by his colleagues and the whole colony, and the sincerest sympathy and condolences with the late Premier's bereaved family.

JNO. ED. BANKS, Secretary.

COSTLEY HOME INMATES AND OLD-AGE PENSIONERS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 15th June, 1906.

THE old-age pensioners and inmates of the Costley Home wish you to convey deepest sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

H. N. GARLAND, Secretary.

GREY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Greymouth, 19th June, 1906.

GREY Hospital Trustees Board desire to express their profound regret at the great loss sustained by the colony through the death of the late Mr. Seddon. On his last visit in January he went through the Hospital shaking hands with every patient, and speaking cheerily to them. They now recall that visit and relate the conversations they had with him on that occasion. They are deeply grieved at his untimely end, and, with the trustees, express their deep regret that one who has done so much for them had not lived longer to accomplish the further task he had set before him. To Mrs. Seddon and family the trustees, Hospital staff, and patients tender their keenest sympathy, and pray that the Almighty may strengthen them in this their hour of tribulation. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon our tribute.

DANIEL SHEEDY, Chairman.

HAWKE'S BAY CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Napier, 11th June, 1906.

HONOURABLE J. D. Ormond moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. J. Spence: "This Board, meeting as it does just after the receipt of the cable announcing the sudden death of Mr. Seddon, late Premier of the colony, desires to express and place on record the deep grief and regret we—in common, we believe, with the people of New Zealand—feel at the great loss the colony has sustained—a loss brought about, we believe, by recent over-exertions in the service of the colony. We further wish to express our sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

J. B. FIELDER, Chairman.

HAWERA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

DEAR SIR,—

Hawera, 18th June, 1906.

At my Board meeting, held to-day, the following resolution of sympathy to Mrs. Seddon, was passed, viz.: "This Board deeply regrets the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and that a letter be sent to the Premier, conveying the sincere sympathy of the Board to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

I would ask you respectfully to carry out the Board's wishes.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

C. E. PARRINGTON, Secretary.

JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.

HONOURED AND DEAR SIR,—

Auckland, 13th June, 1906.

I am instructed to inform you that at a meeting of the trustees of the Institute, held this afternoon, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to: "That the trustees of the Jubilee Institute for the Blind, in their own names and on behalf of the inmates of the Institute, place on record their most heartfelt regret at the sudden death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the Premier of the colony."

We all feel very deeply that not only the country, but also the Institute, has lost a good friend. He appreciated its work, and it had his full sympathy.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

R. LESLIE HUNT, Secretary.

NORTH CANTERBURY HOSPITAL BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Christchurch, 15th June, 1906.

NORTH CANTERBURY Hospital Board desires to express its deep sorrow at the decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to convey its sincerest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their greatest bereavement.

GEORGE PALING, Chairman.

OTAGO BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

SIR,—

Moray Place, Dunedin, 15th June, 1906.

The trustees of the Otago Benevolent Institution desire me to ask if you will kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon their deepest sympathy and condolence with her in the loss of her husband, and deplore the serious loss the country has sustained by the death of Mr. Seddon, the Premier, who had the interests of New Zealand so much at heart."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

A. CLULEE, Secretary.

PALMERSTON NORTH HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

SIR,—

Palmerston North, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that the following resolution was recorded in the minutes of this Board at its last meeting, and to ask if you would kindly convey the same to Mrs. Seddon and the family of the late Premier: "That this Board desires to place on record the sense it has of the great loss the colony and the Empire has sustained by the sudden and tragic death of the late Premier, Hon. R. J. Seddon, who ever spent his energy in placing the colony before the world in the brightest light; and that a letter expressing the sincere sympathy of the Board be conveyed to the widow and family of the deceased."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

WALTER RUTHERFORD, Secretary.

STRATFORD HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

SIR,—

Stratford, 3rd July, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of this Board, held on the 26th instant, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this Board express their deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their recent bereavement, and their appreciation of the high qualities of the late Mr. Seddon."

And it was further resolved that a copy of the above resolution should be sent to you, with the request that you would be the means of having it conveyed to Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

A. NORMAN LIARDET, Secretary.

THAMES HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Prime Minister's Office, Wellington.

Thames, 14th June, 1906.

THE Chairman, the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly, and the trustees of the Thames Hospital desire to express their profound sorrow and regret at the sad death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and most respectfully to tender heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the most revered widow and the family of the late Premier in their great bereavement. The kindly interest and

assistance accorded by our late friend and Premier to the trustees when building the present Thames Hospital, and the generous treatment ever accorded by the late Premier to the hospitals and charitable institutions of the colony, which was such a marked feature in his administration, and redounds so much to his honour, will ever be held in grateful remembrance.

JNO. ED. BANKS, Secretary.

TUAPEKA HOSPITAL BOARD.

SIR,—

Lawrence, 18th July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward copy of resolution passed at Board meeting last Friday, as under: "That the Tuapeka Hospital Board deplores the loss the colony has sustained in the death of the late Right Hon. the Premier, R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., the event being a national calamity to the country in whose service he gave his life-work so loyally and devotedly, and tenders its deepest sympathy and condolence to his sorrowing widow and her family in their sad loss and bereavement."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

JOHN J. WOODS, Secretary.

WAIMATE HOSPITAL BOARD.

SIR,—

29th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Waimate Hospital Board, to ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon the following resolution, made at its meeting of 27th instant: "That the Waimate Hospital Board of Trustees expresses its deep regret at the death of the late Premier, and extends to Mrs. Seddon and her family its sincere sympathy and condolence."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

GEO. COCHRANE, Secretary.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

The usual meeting of the Hospital trustees, held this afternoon, was adjourned after passing the following resolution: "This meeting of hospital trustees desires to express its deepest sympathy with you and your colleagues in the great loss you have sustained in the sudden and tragic death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand. We feel that the country has lost a great leader and statesman, a man of large and Imperialistic outlook, built on a large pattern in every sense of the word. We feel his loss is irreparable, and that he will be greatly missed from the halls of our Legislature and from the circle of his friends. The great service he has rendered this country and the Empire at large will ever remain a lasting monument to his memory, and an incentive to his fellow-countrymen to follow his noble example."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

R. H. CHINCHEN, Secretary.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

BISHOP OF WELLINGTON.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.
DEEPEST sympathy from

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

Bishop and Mrs. WALLIS.

BISHOP OF AUCKLAND.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Awhitu Central, 13th June, 1906.

JUST heard sad news. My deepest sympathy in your great bereavement. The country joins you in sorrow at loss of so great a citizen.

BISHOP LENIHAN.

BISHOP OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.

OUR deepest sympathy irreparable loss. Profound personal sorrow.

BISHOP JULIUS.

HOLY TRINITY, KUMARA.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon.

The*Vicarage, Kumara, Sunday, 17th June, 1906.

THE members of the vestry, on behalf of the congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Kumara, record their deep regret at the national and personal loss sustained by the sudden death of Mr. Seddon, and wish to tender to you and yours their heartfelt sympathy, assuring you of their prayers that God may comfort and help you and enable you to bear the sad calamity that has befallen you.

ARTHUR HORE, Vicar.

DIOCESE OF WAIAPU.

DEAR MADAM,—

Taumata, Napier, 14th June, 1906.

Allow me, on behalf of myself and the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Waiapu, to express to you our heartfelt sympathy with yourself and your family in the sad bereavement which has befallen you. It is our earnest prayer that the God of all comfort may be with you to support you in your great sorrow and to lighten the burden of your grief.

Commending you to the protection of the same God, who has said, "Let thy widows trust in Me."
I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

W. L. WAIAPU.

ST. MARY'S GUILD, WELLINGTON.]

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Bishopscourt, Wellington, 6th July.

At the monthly meeting of St. Mary's Guild held this week I was instructed to write to you on behalf of the Guild, and convey to you their deep sympathy in your great loss, and their hope that you may have strength to bear your sorrow.

The Guild remember with gratitude your constant kindness to St. Mary's Home, which is all the more useful for being so regular.

I am, &c.,

MARGARET E. J. WALLIS,

President, St. Mary's Guild.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Wairoa, 11th June, 1906.

Most sincere condolences to you and family in your irreparable loss.

ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD.

CLERGY, CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, CHRISTCHURCH.

(Telegram.)

Seddon family, Wellington.

Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy for unforeseen and lamentable loss from clergy of Catholic Cathedral, Christchurch.

FATHER LE MENANT.

CONVENT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOUNT MAGDALA, CHRISTCHURCH.

VERY DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

26th June, 1906.

I have waited a little time before writing my deep condolence with you and all your loved family, but my sympathy and that of all the nuns and children at Mount Magdala has been none the less deep and sincere. We have mourned with you over the sudden death which has deprived you of your beloved husband and your loved children of one of the best of fathers, and the whole colony of one of its best and greatest of men. It has been a sad blow to you most of all, and our hearts' most fervent prayers have ascended to our Heavenly Father to implore comfort for you in this time of bitter suffering. God alone can console you; and we will continue to pray that He may do so, and also bestow a rich eternal reward on our good kind friend, Mr. Seddon.

When you come to Christchurch, we will hope for a visit; meantime, dear Mrs. Seddon, be assured of our prayers for you and yours; and with much affection—

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

SR. M. DE S. EUPH. F., Superioress.

ROMAN CATHOLICS OF HOKITIKA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon.

Hokitika, 12th June, 1906.

THE Catholic clergy, nuns, and congregation of Hokitika share deeply in the national sorrow; deplore the loss of a true friend; remember gratefully many acts of kindness; and offer you and family their heartfelt sympathy.

DEAN MARTIN,
FATHER AUBRY.

MARIST BROTHERS, WELLINGTON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon.

37 Boulcott Street, Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

THE Marist Brothers deeply sympathize with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad loss.

Yours, &c.,

BRO. PAUL, Local Supr.

ROMAN CATHOLICS OF PAHIATUA AND WOODVILLE.

(Telegram.)
 Mrs. Seddon, Wellington. Woodville, 18th June, 1906.
 JOINED with my people of Pahiatua and Woodville we send yourself and family sincerest sympathy.
 THOMAS MCKENNA.

FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLICS OF PALMERSTON NORTH.

(Telegram.)
 Mrs. Seddon, Wellington. Palmerston North, 13th June, 1906.
 I AM directed by Father Costello and the Church committee to express to you the sorrow of the Roman Catholics of Palmerston, and their deep sympathy with you and your children in your bereavement, and their appreciation of the great services rendered by Mr. Seddon to the cause of humanity. May he rest in peace, as he does in honour.

C. A. LOUGHNAN.

BRETHREN OF THE ROYAL BLACK PRECEPTORY NO. 670, MOUNT CARMEL.

DEAR MADAM,— 15 Royal Arcade, Dunedin, 19th June, 1906.
 It is with deep regret that I undertake the sad duty, on behalf of the Brethren of the Royal Black Preceptory No. 670, Mount Carmel, to convey to your dear ladyship the resolution that was carried at our meeting of the profound sympathy that is felt for you in your sad bereavement, resulting in the loss of your husband and our Premier, who was the heart of New Zealand.

We pray that your natural grief may, as soon as possible, be lightened to you.
 With our united regards,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,
 HENRY H. GAUDIN, Registrar.

ST. COLUMBKILLE CONVENT, HOKITIKA.

(Telegram.)
 Mrs. Seddon, Wellington. Hokitika, 12th June, 1906.
 PROFOUND cordial sympathy in your great bereavement and that of all New-Zealanders from
 ST. COLUMBKILLE CONVENT.

ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY, DUNEDIN.

MY DEAR MRS. SEDDON,— Dunedin, 28th June, 1906.
 On my own behalf and on behalf of the entire community I beg to offer you and the Misses Seddon our united sympathy in your sad bereavement.

We little thought at his last visit to us, when he was so full of life and vigour, that dear Mr. Seddon would so soon be snatched away from his dear ones. It only shows us that we should not set our hearts on the perishable things of this world, but look forward to those joys that will last for ever. I am sure the many kind and noble acts of your dear, dear husband are now the source of endless consolation to him.

Again renewing sincere sympathy,
 Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,
 R. M. RAYMOND, Prioress.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, PONSONBY.

(Telegram.)
 Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington. Ponsonby, 15th June, 1906.
 THE Sisters of Mercy, St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, send their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their recent affliction, and pray that God will console them with the thought that the separation here on earth will be followed by a joyful reunion in the world to come.

SUPERIOR.

ST. PATRICK'S, NAPIER.

DEAR FRIEND,— 13th June, 1906.
 You have my sincere sympathy in your great sorrow.
 You and your children know that New Zealand is as one large family mourning with you. By my people I am requested to forward you the enclosed resolution of sympathy. Their grief is genuine, for in the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon my people have lost a man who would not willingly impose on them injustice.

Please convey our sentiments of condolence to all yours. May the spirit of God's tender care be with you all in your great sorrow.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,
 W. D. GOGGAN.

ROMAN CATHOLICS OF NAPIER.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

13th June, 1906.

WE tender you and your children our sincere sympathy in your great bereavement.

May the Divine Master in His tender mercy soothe your grief.

You mourn in the late Hon. R. J. Seddon the true husband and strenuous father; we mourn with you because throughout New Zealand he was trusted as the people's friend.

Signed on behalf of the Catholics of Napier.

J. HIGGINS.
P. GLEESON.
C. O'DONOGHUE.
W. J. MCGRATH.
W. D. GOGGAN.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CLERGY, WESTLAND.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 20th June, 1906.

WESTLAND Catholic clergy assembled in conference heartily sympathize with you and family in your bereavement.

DEAN CAREW.

PRESBYTERY OF WELLINGTON.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington South, 21st June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Presbytery of Wellington to forward a copy of resolution passed at our meeting of Tuesday the 20th June: "The Presbytery of Wellington desire to put on record their regret at the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon; their high appreciation of his great services to the colony and to the Empire; their deep sense of the loss which the nation has sustained; and their sincere sympathy with the bereaved widow and family; and they pray that the God of all comfort may comfort them in their bereavement and sorrow."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

WILLIAM SHIRER, Clerk of Presbytery.

DEACONS' COURT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PORT CHALMERS.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Port Chalmers, 19th June, 1906.

I am requested by the Deacons' Court of the Presbyterian Church at Port Chalmers to forward you the enclosed expression of sympathy as passed at our last meeting, which I have to ask you to please accept as a heartfelt expression from all connected with us and personally from

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

G. R. BAUDINET.

19th June, 1906.

On which day and place the Court met and was constituted, *inter alia*, it was moved by the Rev. E. Cowper Tennent, and seconded by Mr. John Tait, and carried unanimously: "That the Port Chalmers Presbyterian Deacons' Court expresses its own and the congregation's profoundest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great loss, and prays that the very Divine consolation may be perfectly experienced by them in their sorrow. They desire, moreover, to place on record their grateful appreciation of all the high and noble work effected by the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D., in the truest interests of his fellow-countrymen here, and of the Empire at large."

PRESBYTERY OF CLUTHA.

MY DEAR MADAM,—

The Manse, Balclutha, 16th June, 1906.

Our Presbytery, the Presbytery of Clutha, at its meeting on Wednesday passed the following minute, short, but none the less sincere, of appreciation and sympathy, and as clerk of our court it falls to me to forward you a copy. I need not add that it speaks but very inadequately of the feeling of all with whom we are associated in the counties of Clutha, Bruce, and Tuapeka. The following is the resolution: "The Presbytery of Clutha desires to put on record its sense of the great loss the colony has received in the death of Mr. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand for the past thirteen years. The presbytery further begs to assure Mrs. Seddon and family of its deep sympathy with them in their very sudden bereavement."

With my most sincere sympathy.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

S. WILSON CURRIE, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KUMARA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

20th June, 1906.

KUMARA Presbyterian Church Committee desire to forward their sincere sympathy to yourself and family in your sad bereavement.

PERCY PETERS, Secretary.

SESSION AND DEACONS' COURT OF ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DUNEDIN.

DEAR MADAM,—

155 Princes Street, Dunedin, 18th June, 1906.

We are directed by the Session and Deacons' Court of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to convey to you the following resolution passed at its last meeting: "That the Session and Deacons' Court, having heard with deep regret of the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, desire to express their sincerest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad loss, and trust that in this their darkest hour they may be sustained by the consolation that cometh from above."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

A. MCKENZIE, Session Clerk,

A. McNAUGHTON, Deacons' Court Clerk.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, THAMES.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Thames, 21st June, 1906.

THAMES Presbyterian Church expresses its deep sympathy.

REV. THOMPSON.

PRESBYTERY, WANGANUI.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon and family.

The Manse, Bull's, 14th June, 1906.

BEFORE proceeding to its ordinary business on 12th June the following motion was agreed to unanimously by the Presbytery of Wanganui: "That this Presbytery desires to place on record its sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and its sense of the deep loss to the colony and the Empire caused by the death of so distinguished a statesman, and its deep sympathy with his family. A copy of this minute to be sent to Mrs. Seddon and family."

JAMES DOULL, Presbytery Clerk.

HEBREW CONGREGATION, WELLINGTON.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

It is with feelings of deep regret that the members of the Wellington Hebrew Congregation now address you and your family in the sad bereavement and loss you have been called upon to bear.

We feel the loss is also ours, having lost a noble chief and guide, and a man who proved himself religious by acts and deeds and not by words alone.

It is some consolation to us that he was called away without pain, and at the zenith of his great powers.

We hope that when time has seared the poignancy of your grief, you may draw consolation from this, and by remembering he sacrificed his health and life to benefit his fellow-creatures.

With assurances of deepest sympathy from this congregation,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

P. NATHAN, President.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

New Plymouth, 16th June, 1906.

THE whole Methodist Church participates in your great sorrow. All honoured your husband and many of us were privileged to call him friend. May God sustain and comfort you.

T. G. BROOKE, President, Conference.

METHODISTS OF THORNDON, WELLINGTON.

DEAR MADAM,—

17 Goring Street, Thorndon, 15th June, 1906.

On behalf of my congregation, I wish to convey to you and your family heartfelt sympathy in the great sorrow that has entered your home by the sudden removal of Mr. Seddon. We pray God, the Great Father, to comfort and sustain you all.

My wife joins me in profound sympathy and earnest prayer on your behalf.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

CHAS. PORTER, Methodist Minister.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONGREGATION, DONALD MCLEAN STREET, WELLINGTON.

DEAR MADAM,—

94 Owen Street, Wellington, 5th July, 1906.

I am instructed to send, on behalf of the Donald McLean Street Primitive Methodist Congregation, a message of sympathy with you in your hour of trial and sorrow. May the Saviour bless you at this time and may you realise much of His comforting presence.

I am also sending a copy of the *New Zealand Methodist* containing an article upon Mr. Seddon, written by myself.

Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

J. COCKER.

WESLEYAN MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN AUCKLAND PROVINCE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

St. John's Parsonage, Ponsonby, Auckland, 19th June, 1906.

In the name of the Wesleyan Ministers and Churches in the Auckland Province permit me to express the deepest sympathy with yourself and family in the irreparable loss which you have sustained by the death of your esteemed husband, truly "a prince and a great man."

Our sincere prayer is that He who is the friend of the widow and the Father of the fatherless may sustain and comfort you all in your painful affliction, and prove Himself to be a present help in your time of need.

Personally I deplore the death of one whose sterling qualities as a man and whose humane legislation as a statesman placed him in the front rank of New Zealand's benefactors, and whose friendship I valued.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

GEORGE BOND.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CIRCUIT, CHRISTCHURCH.

MADAM,—

Christchurch, 18th June, 1906.

We beg to enclose the accompanying resolution which was passed by the Christchurch Primitive Methodist Circuit quarterly meeting: "That this meeting of officials of the Primitive Methodist Church, in quarterly meeting assembled, places on record its sense of the great loss which this colony has sustained by the death of our Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and begs to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family its profound sympathy in their sudden bereavement. The passing of our honoured Premier is a sorrow to the entire community."

We pray that the God of strong consolation may abundantly console and sustain both you and yours in your loneliness and sorrow.

We remain, &c.,

J. GUY, President.

DAVID F. ALBERT, Secretary.

Mrs. R. Seddon, Wellington.

DURHAM STREET METHODIST YOUNG MEN'S CLASS, CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR MADAM,—

53 Durham Street, Christchurch, 17th June, 1906.

At the meeting of the Durham Street Methodist Young Men's Class this afternoon it was unanimously decided to tender to you a hearty vote of condolence on account of your recent sad bereavement.

Praying that God will be near you in your sorrow,

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

ARTHUR F. BARRELL, Hon. Secretary.

METHODISTS OF WAIRARAPA

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Carterton, 18th June, 1906.

WAIRARAPA Methodists send prayerful sympathy.

BARTON GINGER, Superintendent Minister.

METHODIST CHURCH OF KUMARA

DEAR MADAM,—

Methodist Parsonage, Kumara, 25th June, 1906

On behalf of the members and congregation of the Methodist Church of Kumara, I am requested to convey to you our very sincere heartfelt sympathy in this your great loss, and great hour of trial.

We have all realised the loss to all New Zealand, especially many of your late husband's life-long friends of our church in Kumara. Be assured of our continued prayers. Last evening we held a very impressive memorial service.

Mrs. Seddon and family.

I am, &c.,

Rev. C. A. AKER.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 14th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the committee of the Congregational Union of New Zealand to forward to you the enclosed resolution, which was passed unanimously at a meeting of that committee on Tuesday evening last.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

JOHN WILKINS, Secretary.

(Resolution passed by Committee of Congregational Union on Tuesday, 12th June, 1906.)

"The executive committee of the Congregational Union of New Zealand desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family its heartfelt sympathy with them in the great loss they and the country have sustained in the sudden death of the late Premier, and to assure them of its high admiration of the courage, self-sacrifice, and unflinching zeal manifested by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon for the welfare of our country."

MINISTERS OF RELIGION IN PETONE.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Petone, 16th June, 1906.

THE undersigned ministers of religion in Petone desire to express their deep regret at the great loss our colony has sustained in the sudden death of the lamented Premier, the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and express herewith their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great sorrow.

J. DELACOURT RUSSELL, Vicar of St. Augustine's.

FREDERICK G. MAPLES, Catholic Rector.

JAMES LAMBERTON, Captain, Salvation Army.

ALEXANDER THOMSON, Minister of St. David's, Petone.

RICHARD WILSON, Wesleyan Minister, Petone.

JAMES SPOTTISWOODE, Baptist Minister, Petone.

RALPH J. LIDDELL, Primitive Methodist Minister.

AUCKLAND MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 30th June, 1906.

We are requested by the members of this association to convey to you the following resolution, which was the expression of a largely attended memorial service held in the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle on Thursday, 21st instant: "This meeting, convened by the Auckland Ministers' Association, hereby expresses its tender sympathy with Mrs. Seddon in the sorrow she suffers from her great and sudden loss; and the earnest desire and hope that she may be enabled to realise the sweetness and strength yielded by the assurances of the fatherly pity of the eternal God, and of the all-sufficiency of His grace. The meeting also expresses its warm sympathy with the sons and daughters of the late Premier, and all other members of his family. It prays that they, in the dark hour of their trial, may have given to them a vivid sense of the presence with them of Him who wept with the sisters of the dead Lazarus, and of the consolations of His infinite compassion and perfect sympathy."

We are, &c.,

W. GRAY DIXON, M.A., President.

WILLIAM BRAKENRIG, Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION, INVERCARGILL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Spey Street, Invercargill, 11th July, 1906.

I beg respectfully to forward to you the annexed resolution passed by the Ministers' Association, Invercargill, at its last meeting.

I remain, &c.,

JAMES BAIRD, Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

"That this meeting of the Ministers' Association, Invercargill, expresses its sense of the great loss the colony has sustained in the removal by death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D. His untiring zeal in the cause of humanity and his devotion to duty have given him a place in the records of the nation that will cause his name to rank among its greatest sons.

"The sympathy of the association is also extended to Mrs. Seddon and family in their irreparable loss."

COUNCIL OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCHES OF WELLINGTON.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 20th June, 1906.

Our Council adopted the following resolution, and I am bidden convey it to you on their behalf: "The Council of the Evangelical Churches of Wellington desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the profound sympathy of the churches they represent at the appallingly sudden sorrow that has befallen them. The Council is deeply sensible of the loss sustained by the colony in the removal of one who for so many years directed the destiny of the people. They are assured that his zeal for work and for the land he served will remain as an inspiration to those who follow after him. The Council commends to the mercy of God those left desolate by the Premier's removal."

I am, &c.,

J. J. NORTH, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

BAPTIST CHURCH, BERHAMPORE.

DEAR MADAM,—

16th June, 1906.

The members of the above church tender to you and your family their sincerest sympathy in your late and sad bereavement, and pray that God will be to you in this your time of mourning truly a comforter.

Commending you all to His care.

I have, &c.,

A. A. WHITELAW, Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon and family.

EXECUTIVE OF THE RANGITIKEI AND MANAWATU CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR UNION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Palmerston North, 16th June, 1906.

The Executive of the Rangitikei and Manawatu Christian Endeavour Union extend to you their heartfelt sympathy in the irreparable loss you have sustained by the death of your beloved and esteemed husband.

May the God of all, comfort and sustain you and your sorrowing family.

Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

WALTER DIXON, Hon. Secretary.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

MY DEAR MADAM,—

Dunedin, 12th June, 1906.

It is my melancholy duty to forward you the following resolution passed at a meeting of the above Council last evening: "That this Council of the Churches in Dunedin have learned with deepest sorrow of the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and assures Mrs. Seddon and family of its heartfelt prayers that they may be comforted of God and strengthened by Him to bear their exceedingly great trial."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

GEO. HEIGHWAY.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, PORT CHALMERS.

DEAR MADAM —

Port Chalmers, 15th June, 1906.

We have been instructed on behalf of the above-named class to convey to you and family our deep sympathy with you in the sad hour of your heavy trial.

Our prayer is that God may comfort you and your family, as only He alone can do so.

You have lost a loving husband and father, New Zealand and the Empire has lost a statesman whose name will be handed down to future posterity as one who did all in his power to relieve the sufferings of mankind.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

We remain, &c.,

W. ANDERSON, Treasurer.

W. SINCLAIR, Editor of Class Journal.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dunedin, 14th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Congregational Union of New Zealand I beg very respectfully to assure you in the moment of your great sorrow of the unfeigned sympathy that springs spontaneously to every heart throughout our churches. For all the strenuous service of our late Premier to increase the happiness and lessen the misery of his fellows, and so make the years more worth living, only the warmest admiration is felt.

We do pray that the God of all comfort may give to the bereaved family that strength which will enable them to bear so great a domestic affliction.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

GEO. HEIGHWAY, Chairman.

SALVATION ARMY, WELLINGTON.

MY DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 16th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Salvation Army in New Zealand I desire to convey to you and your family our expression of deep sympathy, and to assure you of our most earnest prayers, in this your dark hour of trial and bereavement, that the consolation and blessing of our Heavenly Father may be yours.

We bow with you in your grief, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. We shall meet again on the eternal shore. His work may not have been finished, "but God wanted him."

You have parted for a season "only" with your most precious treasure on earth, we have lost a considerate and most affectionate friend, and while we mourn in common with the nation, with you we look up and say, "Thy will be done."

May God's eternal blessing be with you and yours.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

E. ALBISTON, Brigadier.

SALVATION ARMY, GREYMOUTH AND HOKITIKA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 16th June, 1906.

KINDLY accept on behalf of myself and comrades our deepest sympathy and sincere prayers for yourself and family in your sad bereavement.

ADJUTANT DAVIES,

Officer in Charge, Salvation Army, Greymouth and Hokitika.

SALVATIONISTS OF NEW PLYMOUTH.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

11th June, 1906.

SALVATIONISTS of New Plymouth express their deepest sympathy.

MACAULAY.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, AUCKLAND.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Cockburn Street, Grey Lynn, 22nd June, 1906.

I have been requested by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Auckland to forward to yourself and family the following resolution as an evidence of our sympathy with you and yours in your hour of deepest grief: "That the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Auckland desire to extend to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this their hour of great trial and affliction, and prayerfully commends them to the fatherly care and support of the God of all comfort and consolation."

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

N. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 15th June, 1906.

The members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand heard with deep regret of the sudden death of the Premier of this colony, and wish me to convey to you and your family their heartfelt sympathy in your great bereavement.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

F. COLE, New Zealand President.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Upper Kew, Caversham, 17th June, 1906.

The members of the South Dunedin Women's Christian Temperance Union wish me to send you a few lines to assure you of our true and fullest sympathy for you and your family in this terrible trial.

May He who made us, the Master of our pleasures and our pains, preserve and support you.

On behalf of the Union,

Yours, &c.,

EMMA ROY.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, NELSON.

DEAR MADAM,—

Waimea Street, Nelson, 15th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the Nelson Women's Christian Temperance Union may I express the deep and loving sympathy which has filled our hearts for you and your family in the blow which has fallen on you with such terrible suddenness? As the days go by you will realise more and more the sadness and loneliness which have come into your life, and we pray that you may be very conscious of the sustaining and comforting power of the God of all consolation. He has promised to bind up the broken-hearted; and we know that His promises never fail. Our Union feels its indebtedness to your late husband for securing for the women of the colony the privilege of political power; and while the tributes of praise which are pouring in from all parts of the world may not comfort you in the first bitterness of your trial, they will later on help you to realise that "he being dead, yet speaketh."

Again assuring you of the heartfelt sympathy of the small band of women who are working together "for God, for home, and for humanity."

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

MINNIE WILSON, Secretary.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, PETONE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Victoria Street, Petone, 15th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Women's Christian Temperance Union I write to offer you our sincere and deep sympathy in the great and irreparable loss you have sustained by the death of your dear husband, the beloved late Premier of this colony.

I feel how cold words must be to convey comfort to your stricken heart. Yet one blessed thought will cheer you somewhat and that is, although he cannot come to you, you can go to him. Then the sweet comfort to the mourner, "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."

With deep sympathy to you and your dear family, praying that the God of all consolation be with you,

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

BARBARA JANSEN, Secretary.

SISTERS OF MERCY, WESTPORT.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Westport, 16th June, 1906.

ACCEPT expressions sincere regret deepest sympathy your sad loss.

SISTERS OF MERCY.

(TO REV. MR. BEAN.)

CHURCHPEOPLE OF SHEFFIELD AND SPRINGFIELD.

MY DEAR MR. BEAN,—

St. Matthew's Vicarage, 14th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the churchpeople of Sheffield and Springfield, held at Annat on Tuesday last, a resolution was passed (all the persons standing) embodying a tribute of respect and reverence to the memory of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and I was further requested, as chairman of the meeting, to convey to you and Mrs. Bean an expression of the very hearty sympathy of all present with you both in your sudden and great bereavement.

Permit me to add a very sincere expression of the same feeling on my own part.

I remain, &c.,

Rev. Mr. Bean.

JOHN H. ROGERS.

RELIGIOUS BODIES.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

DEAR SIR,—

13th June, 1906.

I should be obliged if you would communicate to Mrs. R. J. Seddon and family the following resolution which was passed by the standing committee of this diocese in reference to the death of the Right Hon. the Premier. The resolution is as follows: "On behalf of the Diocese of Dunedin the standing committee desires to express its sense of the great loss which the colony has sustained through the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and asks Mrs. Seddon to accept this expression of sincere sympathy with her and the family of the late Premier in their bereavement."

Yours, &c.,

A. R. FITCHETT, Dean, Bishop's Commissary.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

REV. JOHN GOLDEN AND CONGREGATION, KAIKOURA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Kaikoura, 19th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy from congregation and self. Regret impossible to attend obsequies.

JOHN GOLDEN.

MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION, THAMES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Thames, 12th June, 1906.

THAMES Ministers' Association expresses profound sympathy with bereaved family and sense of colony's great loss.

JEWISH CONGREGATION, DUNEDIN.

SIR,—

Synagogue Chambers, Moray Place, Dunedin, 14th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Jewish congregation I desire respectfully to convey to you and the Government of the colony their keen sense of the great loss sustained by New Zealand through the untimely death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., confidently believing that I am voicing the unanimous feeling of the Jewish community of Dunedin, to whom our late Premier had endeared himself by his impartially sympathetic attitude towards every denomination.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

PRESIDENT.

PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE-BEARERS' ASSOCIATION, DUNEDIN.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 19th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the members of the Dunedin and Suburban Presbyterian Office-bearers' Association to forward you a copy of the motion passed by them at a meeting held this evening. The President (Mr. George Reid) moved, "That the members of this association place on record the expression of their deepest regret at the heavy loss this colony has sustained by the sudden death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon; to Mrs. Seddon and her family they extend their most sincere sympathy and condolence, and pray that God may comfort, strengthen, and uphold them in their great sorrow."

The motion was received by all members standing.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

WM. BARCLAY, Secretary.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DUNEDIN.

(Telegram.)

The Premier, Wellington.

Dunedin, 14th June, 1906.

SIR, kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deep sympathy of the Presbyterian Church with them in their sudden and sore bereavement, and sense of the great loss sustained by them and the whole colony in the death of Mr. Seddon, and our prayer that God will abundantly support and comfort them.

DAVID BORRIE, Moderator.

PRESBYTERY OF OAMARU.

DEAR SIR,—

Mann Peebles, *via* Oamaru, 20th June, 1906.

Please kindly receive the enclosure from the Oamaru Presbytery: "The Presbytery of Oamaru hereby solemnly records its deep and sincere sorrow in connection with the sudden and pathetic decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand, its high admiration for his great natural ability and force of character and distinguished career as a colonial statesman of Imperial outlook, and its profound sympathy with, and prayers for, the stricken widow and family.

Yours, &c.,

The Premier, New Zealand.

JOHN STEVEN, Clerk, Oamaru Presbytery.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, NELSON.

DEAR SIR,—

Nelson, 15th June, 1906.

We, the members of the Nelson Women's Christian Temperance Union, desire to express our sense of the profound loss the colony has sustained in the lamented death of the Hon. Richard Seddon.

This is neither the time nor opportunity for dwelling at length on the character of the measures which are inseparably associated with his truly great name—measures which have justly earned him an Imperial fame, but we cannot refrain from expressing our sense of indebtedness to the statesman whose Government was the first in the British dominions to grant women the privilege and responsibility of political power, and whose legislation has been signally stamped with the purpose of uplifting every child and citizen of our beloved colony into fuller privileges of life, both educational and industrial.

While we are moved with sympathy for Mrs. Seddon and her family in the terrible blow they have sustained by the swift and unexpected death of a loved husband and father, we cannot but realise that his death, painless and in the midst of his labours, and in the zenith of his fame, is not without its glory and its advantage, for it has already summoned the attention of the world to the man and his work, so that we may truly say, "He being dead yet speaketh."

On behalf of the Union—

We are, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

EMMA CRUMP, President.

MINNIE WILSON, Secretary.

SALVATION ARMY IN NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—

Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

I desire, on behalf of the Salvation Army in New Zealand, to tender to you and the Government our deep sympathy in the great loss sustained in the death of the Premier, Mr. Seddon—a brave man, a great heart, and a father of the people for whom he lived and toiled. The Government has lost a leader; the Salvation Army has lost a sincere friend and a staunch supporter.

We bow in common with the nation in sorrow for one who lived for the good of humanity, and our prayers ascend to Almighty God for His consolation to the bereaved ones.

I am, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

THOS. E. ALBISTON, Brigadier.

SALVATION ARMY IN THE SOUTH ISLAND.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Christchurch, 15th June, 1906.

ALLOW me, on behalf of officers and Salvationists of South Island, to express to you our deepest sorrow and regret at the great loss country has sustained in the death of Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon our deepest sympathy in the dark hour of trial, and assure her of our prayers that God will uphold and sustain.

Brigadier KNIGHT.

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wellington, June, 1906.

THE representatives of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand beg respectfully to express their sense of regret at the loss that has fallen on the colony in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. His various services in the cause of humanity will long enshrine his name in grateful and honoured remembrance. To Mrs. Seddon and family they beg to convey the assurance of deep sympathy, and they pray that in the bereavement that has darkened their home the eternal God may be their refuge, and underneath the everlasting arms.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST CHURCH.

(Telegram.)
 The Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington. New Plymouth, 12th June, 1906.
 ON behalf of New Zealand Methodist Church, express great regret and sorrow at decease of Right Hon.
 R. J. Seddon. T. G. BROOKE, President.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH, NEW PLYMOUTH.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington. New Plymouth, 15th June, 1906.
 KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon the deep sympathy of the Primitive Methodist Church. We pray
 that the Great Consoler may graciously uphold her in this dark hour.
 C. BELLINGER, President.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH, NORTHLAND.

DEAR SIR,— Primitive Methodist Connexion, Northland, 18th June, 1906.
 The following resolution was carried at the evening service of the Northland Primitive Metho-
 dist Church yesterday: "That this congregation desires to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs.
 Seddon and family in their overwhelming sorrow, and prays that the sustaining grace of God may be
 their support in their great bereavement."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

Yours, &c.,
 RALPH J. LIDDELL, Minister.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH, PETONE.

DEAR SIR,— Primitive Methodist Connexion, Petone, 18th June, 1906.
 The following resolution was carried at the services of the Petone Primitive Methodist Church
 yesterday: "That this congregation desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and
 family in their great sorrow, and pray that the God of all consolation may be their sustaining portion
 through this great bereavement."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

Yours, &c.,
 RALPH J. LIDDELL, Minister.

BAND OF HOPE UNION, CANTERBURY.

(Telegram.)
 The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Christchurch, 15th June, 1906.
 THE Council of the Canterbury Band of Hope Union learns with deep and profound regret of the sudden
 death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony, and begs respectfully to convey to Mrs.
 Seddon and family their sincere sympathy and condolence.

J. T. SMITH, President.
 A. DYER, Secretary.

UNITED CATHOLIC BOYS' CLUB, AUCKLAND.

HONOURABLE SIR,— Auckland, 20th June, 1906.
 On the motion of Brother George Cole, the United Catholic Boys' Club desire to tender their
 sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their late and sad bereavement.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
 GEORGE COLE, Secretary.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CLUB, WANGANUI.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Wanganui, 20th June, 1906.
 MEMBERS St. Mary's Catholic Club, Wanganui, desire you to convey Mrs. Seddon and family sincere
 sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

GEORGE MAHONY, Chaplain.
 J. R. HUNT, President.

INDUSTRIAL BODIES.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS OF OTAGO.

(Telegram.)
 Mrs. Seddon, Wellington. Milton, 18th June, 1906.
 THE Agricultural Workers of Otago tender their deepest sympathy in your sudden and irreparable
 bereavement. Your husband has left us a noble example of devotion to duty and country. His
 memory will long be cherished in our hearts.
 J. W. LYNCH, Secretary.

PALMERSTON NORTH BRANCH, BAKERS' UNION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Palmerston North, 19th June, 1906.

We, the members of the Palmerston North Branch of the Bakers' Union, wish to convey our heartfelt sympathy to you, in your sad bereavement, in the loss of your devoted husband, the Hon. R. J. Seddon. As a small portion of the workers of this community, we recognise that we have lost a dear friend who has spent the most of his precious life for the welfare of the working-man of this colony, and we sincerely hope that his labours will be justly rewarded.

Mrs. Seddon and family.

I remain, &c.,

GEORGE H. GALLAHER, Secretary.

WELLINGTON MASTER BAKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF EMPLOYERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Technical School Buildings, Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

I respectfully beg to inform you that I am directed by the members of the Wellington Master Bakers' Industrial Union of Employers to convey to you their feelings of deep sympathy in your sad bereavement, and to convey the same also to the members of your family.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

H. F. ALLEN, Secretary.

WANGANUI BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF EMPLOYERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 30th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the Builders and Contractors' Union of Wanganui to forward you a copy of a resolution unanimously passed (in silence) by the members thereof, at their monthly meeting held last evening: "That this meeting of the Wanganui Builders and Contractors' Union hereby expresses its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon in the sorrow she suffers through her great and sudden loss, and also to mark its appreciation of the great and valuable services rendered to our colony by our late Premier, the Hon. R. J. Seddon."

Kindly allow me to extend to you my personal sympathy and condolence.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

N. MEULI, Secretary.

AUCKLAND BUTCHERS' ASSOCIATION.

MY DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 14th June, 1906.

I am directed, on behalf of the Auckland Butchers' Association, to tender to yourself and family their profound regret at the decease of your late lamented husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Prime Minister of New Zealand, and I am instructed to express their heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

CHAS. GROSVENOR, Secretary.

AUCKLAND CABMENS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

21st June, 1906.

THE members of the Auckland Cabmens' Union express deepest sympathy with you and family in your great bereavement. The name of R. J. Seddon will ever be treasured by Auckland workers

JOHN COLE, President.

ARTHUR ROSSER, Secretary.

CANTERBURY CARPENTERS AND JOINERS' UNION.

DEAR MADAM,—

North Avon Road, St. Albans, 18th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the Carpenters and Joiners' Union to forward you a copy of a resolution which was passed at a meeting of members held on Wednesday evening last: "That this union desires to tender its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement, and also to place on record its appreciation of the many courtesies and favours received at the hands of the late Premier, and its deep regret at his sudden and unlooked-for demise."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

E. ELDRIDGE, Secretary.

WELLINGTON DRIVERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

12 Grey Street, Wellington, 22nd June, 1906.

I am asked by the Palmerston North section of my union to convey to you and your family their deepest and heartfelt sympathy with you and your family in your recent bereavement.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon

Yours, &c.,

D. BLACKIE, General Secretary.

WELLINGTON EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

No. 8 Empire Chambers, Willis Street, Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

Permit me on behalf of the employers of Wellington to join in the universal expressions of sorrow and regret at the painfully sudden passing-away of your great and good husband, and to express to you and your family the deepest sympathy of the members of this association.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

THOMAS BALLINGER, President.

SOUTHLAND EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Invercargill, 15th June, 1906.

The members of the Southland Employers' Association at their annual meeting desire to convey to Mrs. Seddon their keen sense of the great loss the colony has sustained in the death of Mr. R. J. Seddon, and tender their heartfelt sympathy to yourself and family in your irreparable loss.

RICHARD ALLEN, Secretary.

WELLINGTON UNITED FURNITURE TRADES INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Trades Council Chambers, 16th June, 1906.

On behalf of the above union of workers I beg to convey to you our deepest sympathy and regret at the great loss sustained by you and your family by the untimely death of your most esteemed husband and father. We share with you your grief and deeply mourn our loss of a great friend.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

GEO. JANES, Secretary.

DUNEDIN UNITED FURNITURE TRADES UNION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dunedin, 14th June, 1906.

The Dunedin United Furniture Trades Union extends their sympathy and condolence with you and your family in your sad bereavement through the loss of your noble husband and father, and assures you that while the nation mourns his loss the whole-hearted sympathy of the people are with you in the hour of your distress; and we hope the devoted wife who has been a tower of strength to him may be enabled to bear this great trial and continue to be the blessing you have ever been to all who have come within the sphere of your influence—a fitting partner for a noble life.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

WILLIAM HOOD, Secretary.

DUNEDIN UNITED FURNITURE TRADES INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

A GENERAL meeting of the Dunedin United Furniture Trades Union, held on the 14th June, 1906, passed the following resolution: "That the union deeply deplore the great loss the community have sustained through the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon who, by his untiring devotion to duty and manly qualities, has earned him the title of the greatest of democratic leaders and statesmen."

The meeting then adjourned in respect to the memory of the deceased statesman.

WILLIAM HOOD, Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH GARDENERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

MADAM,—

Inglis Buildings, 20th June, 1906.

The above union wishes to express its sincere regret at the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and their deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

ANDREW RUGG, Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH HAIRDRESSERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Christchurch, 16th June, 1906.

The Hairdressers' Union conveys to you and your family its deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

L. BRIAN, Secretary.

WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Victoria Street, Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

I am directed by the members of the general committee of this association to respectfully tender to you and your family sincerest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Your great loss, caused by the death of so loving a husband, and to your family of so devoted a father, is also a colonial loss. It may perhaps prove some consolation to you to know that the whole

colony is sharing your grief, and mourning for him who was for so many years its able Premier—one who loved his adopted country, and its people so well.

Allow me, dear madam, to add my own personal expression of sincerest sympathy.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

H. F. ALLEN, Secretary.

CANTERBURY INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept the heartfelt sympathy of the members of the Canterbury Industrial Association.

W. W. CHARTERS, President.

INANGAHUA INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

106 Lambton Quay, Wellington, 25th June, 1906.

I have been requested by the Inangahua Industrial Union of Workers to convey you an assurance of their deep sympathy with you and yours in the terrible loss you have suffered recently. It was my duty on behalf of the union to place a wreath among the thousands sent in honour of Mr. Seddon's memory and the secretary writes to say that, outside the family circle, none mourn his death more sincerely than the quartz-miners of Inangahua. They appreciate the many legislative enactments of which he was the author—notably the Sunday Labour in Mines Prevention Act—in their particular interest.

It surely cannot be the least comforting recollection you have under the circumstances that Mr. Seddon's death is so sincerely mourned in the homes of the thousands for whom throughout his distinguished career he fought so splendidly.

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

P. J. O'REGAN.

NEW ZEALAND IRONMASTERS' ASSOCIATION (CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

129 Cashel Street, Christchurch, 15th June, 1906.

I am directed to convey to you the following resolution passed at a meeting of my association, held last night: "That the Christchurch Branch of the New Zealand Ironmasters' Association deeply regrets the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, and desires to convey to his widow and family its sincere condolences.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, 22 Molesworth Street, Wellington.

HENRY BROADHEAD, Secretary.

IRON AND BRASS MOULDERS' UNION (DUNEDIN BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Trades Hall, Dunedin, 30th June, 1906.

I am directed to forward to you the following resolution, which was passed at a meeting of the Dunedin Branch of the Iron and Brass Moulders' Union of New Zealand: "That this union desire to express their deep sorrow at the death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, who, in our opinion, was the greatest statesman the colony has ever known. This union also express their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

SECRETARY.

OTAGO LABOUR DAY ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

10 Ferguson Street, Musselburgh, Dunedin, 9th July, 1906.

I am directed by the Otago Labour Day Association to convey to you and family the following resolution, carried at our last meeting held on the 4th July, 1906: "That this association place on record the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

JOHN B. WILSON, Secretary.

CANTERBURY MALTSTERS AND BREWERY EMPLOYEES' UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Trades Hall, Christchurch, 9th July, 1906.

I am instructed by my union to convey to you its deepest sympathy in your recent sad bereavement, and it also deplores the loss of a distinguished statesman, and that this union fully appreciates the many valuable services he rendered in the cause of the workers.

Trusting that the sympathy expressed will help to lessen your great grief.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

ALEX. WEIR, Secretary.

BANNOCKBURN MINERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Bannockburn, 11th June, 1906.

MEMBERS desire me to express their heartfelt sympathy to you in your sad bereavement. Though gone, his deeds will never be forgotten.

J. HOLLOWES, Secretary.

DENNISTON COAL-MINERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, care Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Denniston, 14th June, 1906.

I HAVE been requested by the Denniston Coal-miners' Union to tender to yourself and family our deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement. We mourn the loss of our departed Minister of Labour and noble statesman.

JOHN FOSTER, President.
JAMES TURK, Secretary.

GRANITY MINERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Granity, 13th June, 1906.

ACCEPT deepest sympathy of members Granity Miners' Union in your sad bereavement.

CHARLES HALL, Secretary.

RIMU GOLD-MINERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hokitika, 19th June, 1906.

MEMBERS mourn the loss the workers of New Zealand have sustained through the death of our great Premier and beloved friend, and deeply sympathize with you and yours in very sad trouble.

W. KNOWLES, Secretary, Rimu Gold-miners' Union.

STATE MINE INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS, COAL CREEK.

DEAR MADAM,—

Point Elizabeth, 18th June, 1906.

The members of our union desire to offer you their sincerest sympathy in your very great and irreparable loss.

The whole of Australasia mourns the loss of one who has spent his life in the noble cause of uplifting suffering humanity.

We beg your kind permission to place a wreath upon the grave as a small token of our respect.

Praying that our Creator will give you strength to bear this great affliction,

We remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon and family.

FRANK HUDSON, Acting-Secretary.

WAIHI MINERS' AND WORKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Waihi, 14th June, 1906.

By special meeting of my committee called last night, I was instructed to send you a letter of condolence. It is with a feeling of most profound sorrow that we have been compelled to do so, and though words are totally inadequate to express our grief, we nevertheless join with our fellow-workers throughout New Zealand in paying to you our sincere and heartfelt sympathy at the loss which every individual in the colony, but more especially you and your family, has sustained. We are very grateful that a life so full of good, humane, and generous actions ended peacefully and painlessly, though prematurely; and we sincerely trust that peace eternal shall be his portion.

To you and your family we send our deep and lasting sympathy.

For the committee,

J. J. SCANLON, Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon.

WESTPORT DISTRICT GOLD-MINERS.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Westport, 14th June, 1906.

IT is with sincere regret that we have to forward the condolence of the members of our union for the loss of your esteemed husband and our friend.

MICHAEL WILLIAMS, President.
CHARLES D. HARNEY, Secretary.

DUNEDIN PAINTERS' UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Trades Hall, Dunedin, 5th July, 1906.

The Dunedin Painters' Union of Workers have directed me to convey to yourself and family their most sincere sympathy and condolence with you in your very sad bereavement through the death of your honoured and respected husband.

We recognise that the workers of the colony can ill afford to lose the services of such a noble champion in the cause of humanity, and we trust our humble tribute of respect to his memory will be the means of gladdening your heart and a source of comfort to you in your time of grief.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,
J. HAYMES, Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH PAINTERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Christchurch Painters' Industrial Union of Workers, I beg to tender you and your family our deepest sympathy in your recent sad bereavement, and pray that the Giver of all Good may give you the grace to sustain you in your sore trouble.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

Believe me, &c.,
W. BELL, Secretary.

AUCKLAND SADDLERS' UNION.

DEAR MADAM,—

33 Hackett Street, Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the executive of the Auckland Saddlers' Union held this evening the chairman, Mr. W. Hawkins, moved the following resolution, which was carried in silence: "That this meeting of the Auckland Saddlers' Union deeply regrets the loss which the colony has sustained through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and offers its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

I have been directed to forward to you a copy of the resolution, which I now do, assuring you that your loss is shared by us all.

Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,
J. A. GRAHAM, Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH SADDLERY, HARNESS, AND COLLAR MAKERS' UNION OF WORKERS.

MADAM,—

Trades Hall, Christchurch, 28th June, 1906.

The following resolution was unanimously carried at a meeting of the Christchurch Saddlery, Harness, and Collar Makers' Union of Workers: "That this union wish to place on record the great loss that has been sustained by the labour class and the colony generally by the untimely death of our respected Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and express their deep sympathy with the wife and family of our departed Prime Minister."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
H. SAVAGE, Secretary.

FEDERATED SEAMEN'S UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Exchange Chambers, 12 Grey Street, Wellington, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed by the above union to respectfully forward to you the following resolution that my union passed at its last meeting—viz.: "This union places on record its high appreciation of the great services rendered to the people of New Zealand by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon as Prime Minister and Minister for Labour, and respectfully tenders its deep and sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I am, &c.,
W. JONES, Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATED SEAMEN'S UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

Wellington, 16th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Australasian Federated Seamen's Union I beg to very respectfully tender to yourself and family our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in your extremely sad and untimely bereavement.

W. T. YOUNG, Secretary.

CANTERBURY SHEEPOWNERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF EMPLOYERS.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Christchurch, 165 Hereford Street, 5th July, 1906.

I am desired by the executive of the Canterbury Sheepowners' Union to inform you that at their meeting held yesterday a resolution was passed placing on record the great loss sustained by the colony in the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. I am also asked to convey to you the sympathy of the committee in your recent bereavement.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,
F. H. LABATT, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND SHOPKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Technical School Buildings, Victoria Street, Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of the above association and myself, allow me to express my sincerest sympathy with you and your family in the great loss you have sustained.

I trust the knowledge that the people of the colony are sharing with you your great trial, will in some measure help to alleviate the great shock you have been so suddenly called upon to bear.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,
HERBERT SEATON.

LYTTELTON STEVEDORE UNION.

MADAM,—

Lyttelton, 14th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Lyttelton Stevedore Union to convey to you their deep grief at the death of your distinguished husband, and their hearty and sincere sympathy with you and the members of your family in your bereavement.

The death of Mr. Seddon, who was not only a great statesman but a lover of humanity and a friend of the workers, fills us with a deep sense of personal loss, and therefore we can sympathize more fully with you and yours in your affliction.

With profoundest respect,
Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,
ALF. E. PALMER, Secretary.

WELLINGTON TAILORS' UNION.

MADAM,—

Wellington, June, 1906.

We, as a body of co-workers of the City of Wellington, beg to offer our condolences to yourself and family in your great bereavement.

We have lost a champion of our cause, and mourn with you. We can only add that your bereavement will be tempered by the knowledge that his name will remain a living monument of his country—by his great and good deeds.

HENRY J. BAKER, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND FEDERATED TAILORESSES AND OTHER CLOTHING TRADE EMPLOYEES' INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dowling Street, Dunedin, 12th June, 1906.

We are instructed by the New Zealand Federated Tailoresses and other Clothing Trade Employees' Industrial Association of Workers to forward you the following resolution: "The New Zealand Federated Tailoresses in council assembled deeply regret the death of Mr. Seddon, and trust the knowledge that thousands of women mourn the colonial and national loss of a great statesman and devoted husband and father will be a source of strength and comfort to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement; we gladly testify that women workers had a staunch and true friend in the late Premier, who lost no opportunity of improving the conditions under which women worked, and with grief inexpressible we bear testimony to the memory of the sincerest friend the struggling poor have yet had in this colony."

We personally add our condolences and testimony to the worth of the late Mr. Seddon.

We remain, &c.,

WILLIAM HOOD, President.
J. T. PAUL, Vice-President.
W. M. BOLT, Vice-President.
J. BENNETT, Treasurer.
M. SELINA HALE, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

CANTERBURY TANNERS, FELLMONGERS, AND SKINNERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Breeze's Road, New Brighton, Christchurch, 11th July, 1906.

I am directed by my union to convey to you its sincere and heartfelt sympathy in your sad and sudden bereavement by the death of your late husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Realising as we do his abundant and almost unlimited good qualities in the cause of democracy, not only you, or we, but the community generally, by his death, have received a shock as inexpressible as it is profound. We trust that you will be blessed with health and strength to bear your sad burden, and that our mite of humble sympathy will help to brighten your future darkness.

Again extending to yourself and family this union's deep sympathy and condolence.

Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

W. E. WOODHAM, Secretary.

WELLINGTON TIMBER-YARDS AND SAWMILLS INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Trades Hall, Cuba Street, Wellington, 26th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the above union, embracing the whole of the Wellington Industrial District, I beg to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy in the sad bereavement that has befallen you and your family in the loss of your beloved husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Words fail to express the sincere feeling of regret felt not only by the timber-workers, but by the workers generally, at the great and irreparable loss this colony has suffered—one who was always a whole-hearted and true friend to us. His memory will always live with us.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

FRANK H. CAPON, Acting-Secretary.

CANTERBURY TIMBER-YARDS, SAWMILLS, AND COAL-YARDS EMPLOYEES' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Crescent Road, Spreydon, 7th July, 1906.

At a meeting of the above union held on Tuesday last the following resolution was carried—viz: "That this union regret the loss sustained by the workers of New Zealand by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also deeply sympathize with Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. WRIGHT, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE.

DEAR MADAM,—

4 Hepburn Street, Auckland, 23rd June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Auckland Trades and Labour Council, which is the New Zealand Trades and Labour Council's Conference Executive for the ensuing year, to forward to you the following resolution: "That this Council, as the head of organized labour in the Northern Industrial District, and also as the New Zealand Trades and Labour Council's Conference Executive for 1906-7, deplors the loss that the workers of the colony have sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier, and Minister for Labour, and expresses its profound sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sudden bereavement."

It is with hesitation that we venture upon this intrusion upon your notice at such a time as the present, but we feel that we should lay ourselves open to the charge of ingratitude did we not take the opportunity of expressing most respectfully to you on behalf of organized labour the deep debt of gratitude that the workers are under to your late husband and our revered chief; also to yourself as his helpmeet.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

ARTHUR ROSSER, Secretary.

CANTERBURY TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

20th June, 1906.

On behalf of the above Trades and Labour Council I have to convey to you the deepest sympathy of the Council in the great grief which has befallen you. We recognise the great loss our movement has sustained in the death of your husband, and sincerely hope and pray that the good works he has done will help somewhat to ameliorate the sufferings of those who have been near and dear to him.

With sincere personal sympathy.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

JAMES THORN, Assistant Secretary.

NELSON TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Nelson, 16th June, 1906.

We mourn with you for this our country's loss.

T. H. LUKIN, President.

TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL OF WESTLAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Reefton, 14th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Trades and Labour Council of Westland and all the unions affiliated thereto, I have to tender you our sincere sympathy in the great and serious loss yourself, family, and colony have sustained through the death of Mr. Seddon. Labour has indeed lost a noble leader and friend. His last words to me in leaving Wellington for the Coast in August last were, "Tell the miners I have the same kindly feeling to them as ever, and will do the best I can in their interests, and will endeavour to pass legislation that will lessen the ravages of that terrible scourge 'miners' complaint.'" "God's will be done."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

HENRY BETTS, Secretary.

WELLINGTON TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Evening Post Office, Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

I am requested to convey to yourself and family the sincere sympathy of the members of my union in the bereavement which you have recently sustained by the death of one whom we have always looked upon as a friend of the workers. We know that nothing can atone to you for the loss you have sustained, and we can only hope that you may be comforted to some extent by the expressions of sympathy which have been showered upon you as evidence of the esteem in which your late husband was held by all classes.

With kindest regards.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

J. W. HENRICHS, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND WAREHOUSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Christchurch, 13th June, 1906.

THE Warehousemen's Association of Canterbury tender to Mrs. Seddon and family the sincere sympathy of its members in their affliction, and express their admiration of the many sterling qualities of the late distinguished statesman whose memory will always be held in the greatest respect by all classes in New Zealand.

JNO. S. MOORE, Chairman.
J. H. STRINGER, Secretary.

WELLINGTON WHARF LABOURERS' UNION.

DEAR MADAM,—

17 Willis Street, Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

It is with feelings of deep respect that the members of my union beg to tender their sincere condolence with yourself and your family in this hour of sad bereavement. Mr. Seddon's sympathy for the workers is a memory which we will always cherish, and we can but hope that the general recognition of his great service to New Zealand may help to soften the blow that has fallen upon you.

With all respect,

I am, &c.,

D. McLAREN, Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

GREYMOUTH WHARF UNION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Greymouth, 17th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Wharf Union this evening the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting wishes to express to you our deepest sympathy in your dire affliction." We feel that it must lessen your sorrow somewhat to know that your devoted husband was loved by all the workers of the colony, and respected and appreciated by the whole of the British Empire. Your loss is sad, and we are unable to express the sincere sorrow we feel. Trusting that you will bear up against your great loss with the same fortitude that carried your dear departed husband through the battlefield of life. With tenderest sympathy. Would you kindly allow us to put a wreath on the grave?

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

JOHN JACKSON, Secretary.

WORKERS OF OTAGO.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Dunedin, 11th June, 1906.

OTAGO workers share your grief. Memory of your noble husband will be ever cherished.

JAMIESON, President, Trades Council.

INDUSTRIAL BODIES.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

CHRISTCHURCH AERATED-WATER WORKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR SIR,—

Christchurch, June, 1906.

Would you kindly convey, on behalf of the Christchurch Aerated-water Workers' Industrial Union of Workers the following resolution, which was carried, all members standing, on the motion of the President: "That this union desires to express its profound regret at the great loss which the colony has sustained by the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Prime Minister of New Zealand, and to record its sincere appreciation of the unique and eminent services rendered to the colony during his long and distinguished career; further, that the sympathy of the members of the union be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family at the sad and irreparable loss which has fallen upon them."

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

GEO. WM. HAXELL, Secretary.

WELLINGTON OPERATIVE BAKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

HONOURED SIR,—

18th June, 1906.

I am instructed to respectfully ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the following resolution carried at the last meeting of the above union: "The Wellington Operative Bakers' Union desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., to the cause of labour; his attitude in respect thereto was statesmanlike in the highest degree, and commanded the universal respect of this union and the workers of the colony. And, further, this union desires also to express to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincere sympathy with them in their great bereavement."

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier.

A. H. COOPER, General Secretary.

WELLINGTON OPERATIVE BOOTMAKERS' SOCIETY.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour, on behalf of the above society, to ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy in this their great hour of trial, and we humbly pray that the Almighty in his great hour of triumph will bestow his blessings upon those whom He in his superiority has allotted so great a burden, and may He in his graciousness grant unto them health and strength to bear it.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

N. G. BINNIE, Secretary.

(Telegram.)

AUCKLAND BOOTMAKERS' UNION.

Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 19th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family Bootmakers' Unions' inexpressible sorrow for their and the nation's loss.

JAMES AGGERS, Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH OPERATIVE BOOTMAKERS' SOCIETY.

HONOURABLE SIR,—

Christchurch, 28th June, 1906.

I am directed to ask that you would convey to Mrs. Seddon and family this society's heartfelt sympathy in their sad and sudden bereavement.

We further express the hope that the humane legislation initiated by the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon will be carried out by those left in power.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

F. ROBSON, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND FEDERATED BOOT TRADE UNION.

SIR,—

Trades Hall, Christchurch, 2nd July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the above federation, to forward you the following resolution, which was carried at a meeting held this evening: "That this federation records in its minutes the deep sorrow of its members at the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, whose public career is a lasting memorial of distinguished services to the colony, and by whose death the country has lost a strenuous leader and a great statesman; and we respectfully ask you to forward the same to Mrs. Seddon, conveying the federation's sympathy with her and family in their late sad bereavement."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

GAINS R. WHITING, Secretary.

DUNEDIN OPERATIVE BOOTMAKERS' UNION.

SIR,—

Main Road, Opoho, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of my union, to inform you that the following resolution was passed at the monthly meeting held last night, and I have to ask you to be good enough to convey same to Mrs. Seddon: "That the officers and members of this union desire to express their deep regret at the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, whose untiring devotion to the people of the colony will cause his name to be revered for all time; and we desire to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family our utmost sympathy in their bereavement."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. FERGUSON, Secretary.

WELLINGTON OPERATIVE BUTCHERS' UNION (No. 134).

HONOURABLE SIR,—

Wellington, 21st June, 1906.

I am directed by the above union to respectfully ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the sincere sympathy of the journeymen butchers of this city in the sad and terrible bereavement they have sustained by the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington

I have, &c.,

A. H. COOPER, Secretary.

WELLINGTON MASTER BUTCHERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF EMPLOYERS.

RESPECTED SIR,—

Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

By a resolution carried at the monthly meeting of the Wellington Master Butchers' Industrial Union of Employers, I was instructed to write and ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the following resolution of the above union: "That this meeting places on record a resolution of sympathy with the late Right Hon. the Premier's wife and family in their late bereavement, also the loss to the colony of so able and just an administrator, who always dealt in a fair and impartial manner in all business appertaining to the well-being of employers and employees, and, by such unbiassed actions, received the well-merited support of the people as a whole throughout the colony."

The Hon. the Premier, W. Hall-Jones, Esq.

I am, &c.,

C. T. WORTH, Secretary.

DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN OPERATIVE BUTCHERS' UNION.

HONOURABLE SIR,—

Dunedin, 22nd June, 1906.

I am directed by the Dunedin Suburban Operative Butchers' Union to express their sincere regret at the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Hon. Mr. Seddon, whose lifework in the cause of humanity has endeared his memory to all classes of the community. My union respectfully request your services in conveying to Mrs. Seddon and family our deep regret at the loss of one who was so dear to them, and our sympathy with them in their hour of bereavement.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

F. GALLAGHER, Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

I am directed by my committee to convey to you, on behalf of the members of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of New Zealand, their deep expression of regret at the great loss the colony has sustained through the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, and to ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincere sympathy with them in their irreparable loss.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

GODFREY POWELL, District Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS (AUCKLAND BRANCH).

SIR,—

Auckland, 13th June, 1906.

I am instructed by my union to forward the following resolution which was unanimously carried at our branch meeting last night: "That this meeting of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners deeply regrets the loss the colony of New Zealand and the workers have sustained by the death of the great democratic statesman, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and offers its sincere sympathy to his widow and family in this hour of sorrowing affliction; that we recognise and appreciate the great services he has rendered the workers in the past, and feel we have lost a true friend and one who is difficult to replace."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

H. BANFIELD, Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS (BRANCH NO. 824).

DEAR SIR,—

Christchurch, 23rd June, 1906.

I am instructed by my branch of the above society to ask if you would convey to Mrs. Seddon the deep sympathy of our members with her and her family in the sad bereavement they have just had to bear by the death of their late husband and father the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, who will be very greatly missed and mourned not only by his own family, but throughout the colony, more especially by us unionists who feel that we have not only lost a Premier but a friend and almost a father, one who always did all he could for our benefit and well-being, and it will be a very long while before any one else will be able to adequately fill the position left vacant.

Trusting that the expressions of sympathy which Mrs. Seddon has received from all parts will help them through this sad time.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

F. J. NOTT, Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS (DUNEDIN BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Dunedin, 18th June, 1906.

At a special summoned meeting of this branch held on Saturday, the 16th June, the following resolution was passed, with instructions that I should forward same to you: "That this branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners places on record its appreciation of the services rendered to the cause of labour and humanity by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and its regret at the loss of him whom we had come to look upon as our friend and leader in the cause of progress; also that the sincere sympathy of this branch be extended to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

With best wishes from this society to yourself.

I have, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

JAMES BROWN, Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS (NELSON BRANCH).

HONOURED SIR,—

Nelson, 20th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Nelson branch of this society to request you to kindly give Mrs. Seddon this copy of a resolution passed at our meeting of the 19th instant: "That this branch places on record its profound regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and its deep sense of the irreparable loss the workers of this colony have sustained by this lamented removal of their great protector; also, that this resolution, with our sincere sympathy, be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon."

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier.

CHARLES ANDREW, President.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS, GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Gisborne, 22nd June, 1906.

At a meeting of the above society, held last evening, a motion was carried unanimously that a letter of condolence be sent by the secretary to Mrs. Seddon sympathizing with her in her sad bereavement. We feel too, that we also have sustained a great loss in the death of one who was ever ready to turn an attentive ear to the whisperings of needy persons. We hope that the amount of sympathy she is receiving on all sides will help to buoy her up in her great affliction.

Will you kindly convey to her on our behalf our heartfelt sympathy.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

CHARLES CATTON, Secretary.

MARLBOROUGH CARPENTERS, PAINTERS, BRICKLAYERS, AND PLUMBERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION.

DEAR SIR,—

June, 1906.

At the general meeting of the above union the president moved, "That this union places on record its deep sorrow at the loss of our great leader and true friend of the workers, the Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier"; and we wish you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

We have, &c.,

ANDREW JAMES CURRY, President.

REUBEN HOBSON, Secretary.

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

NELSON CARPENTERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Nelson, 15th June, 1906.

NELSON Carpenters' Industrial Union expresses sorrow and regret at untimely death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and records its appreciation of the high qualities of the deceased statesman, and tenders heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement.

W. C. CHIEL, Secretary.

CANTERBURY DRIVERS' UNION.

DEAR SIR,—

Christchurch, 19th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Canterbury Drivers' Union to convey to you the deep regret of the above union at the death of the Hon. the Premier, and to convey through you to Mrs. R. J. Seddon and family the deep and heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their sad bereavement.

I am, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Parliament House, Wellington.

WILLIAM KING.

WELLINGTON EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, No. 8, Empire Chambers, Willis Street, 16th June, 1906.

I have the sad honour, on behalf of the members of this association, to tender to you and your colleagues their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the sudden death of our great Prime Minister and your eminent leader, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. It has been the privilege of myself and many members of this association to be in close touch with the late Premier, and in common with the whole community, we feel we have lost a valuable friend and helper, and that our country will seek long ere it finds a leader of his intuition, ability, and force of character.

We deeply mourn and condole with you, your colleagues, and our fellow-colonists.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

THOMAS BALLINGER, President.

CANTERBURY EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Lichfield Street, 19th June, 1906.

I AM instructed to convey to you the deep regret of the Canterbury Employers' Association at the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, and the association's sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family.

H. BROADHEAD, Secretary.

OTAGO EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—

Dunedin, 16th June, 1906.

At a largely attended meeting of the Otago Employers' Association held on the 15th instant the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That this meeting of the Otago Employers' Association desires to place on record its deep regret at the loss sustained through the death of the late Prime Minister. The striking personality of the great statesman who has passed away impressed itself on people and legislation, and has ever been in the interests of the community in this country. The members of the association deeply sympathize with the widow and family in their sad bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

WILLIAM SCOTT, Secretary.

NELSON EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—

Nelson, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour to ask you to convey the following resolution, which was passed at a meeting of the above association held on Monday the 18th instant: "That the sincere sympathy of the Nelson Employers' Association be extended to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon in their recent sad bereavement.

The Hon. the Premier of New Zealand, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

FRED. A. BAMFORD, Secretary.

FIREMEN'S UNION OF NEW ZEALAND (NAPIER BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Napier, 11th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey on behalf of the firemen of New Zealand to Mrs. Seddon and family sincere sympathy and condolence on death of our well-beloved Premier.

J. GILBERD, Secretary.

CANTERBURY GROCERS' ASSISTANTS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

SIR,—

Trades Hall, Christchurch, 20th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Canterbury Grocers' Assistants' Industrial Union of Workers to convey to you our deep sympathy and regret at the sudden death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. Both as Premier and as Minister of Labour the late Mr. Seddon has always taken a keen interest in the cause of the workers, and has done his utmost during his long and honourable term of office to better the conditions of the wage-earners of New Zealand. We therefore wish to place on record our appreciation of the late Premier's good works.

Again expressing our deep sorrow at his death and with profound sympathy for the relatives of the deceased.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

G. V. FURBY, Secretary.

AUCKLAND GUM-WORKERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 12th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy Auckland Gum-workers' Union.

R. TAYLOR, Secretary.

IRON AND BRASS MOULDERS' UNION, OF CHRISTCHURCH.

SIR,—

Trades Hall, Christchurch, 12th June, 1906.

I am directed by the executive of the above union to convey to you their deepest sympathy and regret at the loss to the colony by death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, which we consider to be a national calamity, and whose loss will be felt very keenly by the workers of this colony, and whose place will be hard to fill. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Hoping that One above will comfort and assist them in this their great trial.

Believe me, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. A. HOOPER, Secretary.

OTAGO GROCERS' ASSISTANTS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

HONOURABLE SIR,—

King Edward Street, South Dunedin, 4th July, 1906.

The Grocers' Assistants' Union desire to express their sincere regret at the loss the colony has sustained in the death of the late Hon. Mr. Seddon, whose services to the Empire and particularly to our country have secured an honoured name on the roll of Britain's heroes. My union deplore the loss of one who was ever foremost in the cause of humanity and whose aim was ever in the direction of improving the conditions of the worker. We desire to express our sympathy (through yourself) to Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

T. GALLAGHER, Secretary.

WANGANUI LICENSED AND ALLIED TRADES PROTECTION ASSOCIATION AND INDUSTRIAL UNION OF EMPLOYERS.

SIR,—

Wanganui, 13th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Wanganui Licensed and Allied Trades Protection Association held yesterday afternoon I was directed by the members to ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deep sympathy with them in their very sad bereavement, consequent on the sudden and untimely death of the late much esteemed and admired Premier.

Faithfully yours,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

J. T. PALMER, Secretary.

UNITED MILLERS, ENGINE-DRIVERS AND MILL EMPLOYEES OF CANTERBURY.

SIR,—

66 Lincoln Road, Addington, Christchurch, 4th July, 1906.

I am instructed to ask you to kindly forward the following resolution to Mrs. Seddon, passed at our meeting held on the 29th June, 1906: "That this union desires to place on record its deep sense of the great loss the colony has sustained by the sad death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon; also its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad and great affliction."

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

HUBERT K. BOWDEN, Secretary.

BLACKBALL MINERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Blackball, 20th June, 1906.

THE Blackball Miners' Union desires you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family their deepest sympathy in the sad bereavement they and the colony have sustained by the loss of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon.

WALTER ROGERS, Secretary.

HOMEBUSH COLLIERIES INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR SIR,—

Glentunnel, 13th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Homebush Collieries Industrial Union of Workers I was advised to forward to you an expression of feeling of the great loss the country has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

The members also ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

I have, &c.,

WM. J. BARLOW, Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

NIGHTCAPS MINERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Nightcaps, 19th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deepest sympathy of the miners of Nightcaps in their sad bereavement. We also mourn the loss of him who was a father to the workers.

A. R. JACKSON, Secretary.

OTAGO COAL-MINERS' UNION OF WORKERS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Kaitangata, 12th June, 1906.

CONVEY to Mrs. Seddon and family the heartfelt sympathy of Otago Coal-miners' Union of Workers. We feel that we have lost a friend.

H. BECK, Acting-Secretary.

PUPONGA MINERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Puponga, 16th June, 1906.

ACCEPT our heartfelt sympathy for our late Premier's family, also the loss our country has sustained in losing its great leader.

STEVENSON, Secretary.

RIMU MINERS' ASSOCIATION AND RESIDENTS OF RIMU AND WOODSTOCK.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Rimu, 16th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family on behalf of the Rimu Miners' Association and residents of Rimu and Woodstock their heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

D. KELLY, Secretary.

THAMES MINERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Thames, 14th June, 1906.

WILL you kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon the sincere sympathy of the officers and members of the Thames Miners' Union with herself and family in their sad bereavement. The members also desire to convey to yourself as the present head of the Government their deep regret at the great loss sustained by the Government and the colony at large in the untimely death of the late Premier, a loss that is universally mourned over by all classes of the community throughout the British Empire, and more especially in our colony of New Zealand, for the betterment of which he has laboured incessantly during the latter portion of his life; and the liberal and advanced legislation introduced and carried out by him and his Government, which have done so much to increase the prosperity of the colony, will, we trust, remain as lasting memorials to his memory, which will ever be revered by the people of this colony to which he devoted his life.

W. H. LUCAS, Secretary.

WAIHI MINERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

CONVEY to party miners' union's heartfelt sympathy for death of Premier. Waihi miners mourn irreparable loss.

Waihi, 12th June, 1906.

J. SCANLON, Secretary.

HOUSE-PAINTERS' UNION, AUCKLAND.

SIR,—

Parnell, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed to convey to you, and through you to Mrs. Seddon and family, the following resolution carried at a meeting of the Auckland House-painters' Union, viz. : " That we desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in the terrible affliction that has fallen upon them by the death of their beloved husband and father, and we trust that the knowledge that he died as he lived, respected by all, will in some measure tend to lighten so heavy a burden."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

SEPTIMUS V. DYER, Secretary.

PAINTERS' UNION, NELSON.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the sympathy of the Nelson Painters' Union in their sad bereavement.

Nelson, 21st June, 1906.

W. CANNINGTON, Secretary.

NELSON PAINTERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

SIR,—

Nelson, 20th June, 1906.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Nelson Painters' Industrial Union of Workers the following resolution was carried : " That this union desires to place on record its deep sense of the very great loss sustained by the colony in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and to record its high appreciation of the eminent services rendered by him to the colony, and especially to his strenuous efforts to improve the welfare of the workers of New Zealand. This union desires to convey, through you, to Mrs. Seddon and family its profound sympathy with them in their great sorrow."

On behalf of the union,

WILLIAM CANNINGTON, Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

RANGITIKEI SAWMILLERS' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (LIMITED).

SIR,—

Taihape, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the members of the above association held this day the following resolution was unanimously carried : " That the members of this association desire to place on record their high appreciation of the splendid self-sacrificing services rendered to New Zealand and the Empire by the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and deeply deplore his untimely death."

They also wish to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deep sympathy in their sad bereavement, and trust the Almighty will give them strength to bear their irreparable loss.

Yours, &c.,

M. M. CARPENTER.

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

FEDERATED SEAMEN'S UNION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Wm. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Wellington, 12th July, 1906.

WITH sincere and deep emotion I humbly ask you to kindly accept and convey to your honourable colleagues our deepest and heart-felt sympathy in the death of the greatest statesman Australasia has yet seen, Richard John Seddon. The loss is indeed a national calamity to the whole English-speaking race.

W. T. YOUNG, Secretary.

CANTERBURY SHEARERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Timaru, 15th June, 1906.

MY union wish to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family heartfelt sympathy from the Canterbury shearers. He was loved by all true workers in God's own land.

WADDELL.

AUCKLAND SHIP, YACHT, AND BOAT BUILDERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

SIR,—

Palmerston Buildings, Auckland, 13th June, 1906.

As secretary of this union, I am instructed to place before you the following resolution passed by this union at its meeting of the 11th instant: "This union desires to express its great sorrow at the removal by death from our midst of the Right Hon. the Premier, Richard John Seddon. The members of this union feel that by his death they have lost a true friend, and share in the sorrow which hangs over his widow and family, while New Zealand mourns the loss of her illustrious son."

I am further requested to ask that you will convey to Mrs. Seddon and the bereaved relatives our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of trial.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

I have, &c.,

WM. B. FOWLER, Secretary.

LYTTELTON STEVEDORES' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mr. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Lyttelton, 12th June, 1906.

MEMBERS of Lyttelton Stevedores' Union deeply regret the loss of our most distinguished statesman, Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

A. PALMER, Secretary.

BERKENHEAD SUGAR-WORKERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

The Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

THE Birkenhead Sugar-workers' Union desires to express its deep sorrow at the loss the colony has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, R. J. Seddon, P.C. The members of this union feel that by his death they have lost a sincere friend and one who has always taken a deep interest in the workers of the colony. We would respectfully ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our heartfelt sympathy and deep sense of sorrow at the irreparable loss they and the colony have sustained by the death of her husband, the late Premier.

WILLIAM WALLACE, Secretary.

WELLINGTON TAILORS' UNION.

DEAR SIR,—

14th June, 1906.

We, as a body of co-workers of the City of Wellington, beg to offer our sympathy to yourself and colleagues in your great loss. We have lost a champion of our cause, and mourn with you.

We can only add that your loss will be tempered by the knowledge that his name will remain a living monument of his country by his great and good deeds.

Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones.

H. J. BAKER, Secretary.

TIMBER-WORKERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Arapu, 12th June, 1906.

NEWS of Premier's sudden death was received here with profound sorrow. The workers desire to express their heartfelt sorrow and to tender their condolences to his colleagues and sorrowing family.

E. PHELAN, Secretary.

WELLINGTON TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 23rd June, 1906.

The Wellington Trades and Labour Council passed the following resolution at its last meeting, members standing and in silence: "This Council, representing organized labour in the City of Wellington, expresses its heartfelt sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister for Labour of New Zealand, and extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family on the sad bereavement they have sustained. That as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Seddon this Council adjourns until next Thursday."

Hon. Hall-Jones, Premier.

I have, &c.,

W. H. WESTBROOKE, Secretary.

AUCKLAND TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

Hepburn Street, Auckland, 14th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Auckland Trades and Labour Council to forward to you the following resolution passed last evening: "That this Council, as the head of organized labour in the Northern Industrial District, and also as the New Zealand Trades and Labour Council's Conference Executive for 1906-7, deploras the loss that the workers of the colony have sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier, and Minister for Labour, and expresses its profound sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sudden bereavement."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

ARTHUR ROSSER, Secretary.

WANGANUI TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

58 Wilson Street, Wanganui, 19th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the above Council held last evening the following resolution was carried :
 " That this Council places on record its deep regret of the exceedingly great loss sustained through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also its high appreciation of the incalculable services rendered by him to the colony as a whole, and to the representatives of trades and labour in particular. A copy of the resolution to be forwarded to the Acting-Premier, asking him to convey the Council's deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family."

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

J. H. MOORE, Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATED SEAMEN'S INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—

Dunedin, 16th June, 1906.

By direction of this union, it is my mournful duty to convey to you, as head of the Government, the last tribute we can pay to the memory of the great and good man who has gone aloft. The following resolution very imperfectly expresses the sadness we experience for the loss of so great a statesman, and so true a friend to those in humble positions, but if we fail in words our sympathy is none the less sincere : " That the Dunedin section of the Seamen's Union expresses its deep regret for the loss sustained by New Zealand and the democratic world in general through the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, and that the sympathy of the union be extended to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

May I ask that these sentiments be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon, whose grief, we can quite understand, will preclude that lady from paying personal attention to the many condolences that are reaching her.

The Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

W. BELCHER, Secretary.

OTAGO SHEARERS' UNION.

DEAR SIR,—

Oamaru, 15th June, 1906.

At a special meeting of the Otago Shearers' Union, I was instructed by my union to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy in their overwhelming grief through the loss they have sustained by the death of a dear husband and father.

W. Hall-Jones, Esq., Acting-Premier.

Yours, &c.,

WM. IRVING, Secretary.

WELLINGTON TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

27th June, 1906.

I enclose copy of letter received from the Labourers' Protective Society, of Trades Hall, Sydney.

Yours, &c.,

W. H. WESTBROOKE, Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier and Acting Minister of Labour.

THE UNITED LABOURERS' PROTECTIVE SOCIETY, SYDNEY.

DEAR SIR,—

Trades Hall, Sydney.

At a meeting of the above-named society held at the Trades Hall, Sydney, on the 11th instant, I was directed to convey to your Council for transmission to Mrs. Seddon the following resolution : " That this society places on record its profound sorrow at the lamentably sudden death of the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and its high estimation of the splendid services rendered to uplifting the working-classes, and its admiration of the splendid deeds he has accomplished ; and, further, that the condolence and sympathy of the society be tendered to the widow and family of the deceased statesman in their bereavement."

Thanking you to give effect to the foregoing, and to accept our assurance that we realise to some little extent how deep must be the grief of trades unionists in New Zealand.

I am, &c.,

RICHARD CORCORAN, Assistant Secretary.

Mr. H. W. Westbrooke, Secretary, Wellington Trades and Labour Council.

ELTHAM TRADESMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—

Eltham, 20th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Eltham Tradesmen's Association held yesterday, the following resolution was passed : " That this association places on record its deep regret at the sudden death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and that the Hon. W. Hall-Jones be written to, requesting him to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the association's sympathy with them in their distress, and its appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Seddon during his long and brilliant public career."

I would ask you, in accordance with the above resolution, to convey the same to Mrs. Seddon and family.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

F. J. CUMBERWORTH, Secretary.

AUCKLAND TYPOGRAPHICAL INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR SIR,—

Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

I have been instructed to write asking you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the following resolution passed at a meeting of the board of the above union last Saturday evening: "The Auckland Typographical Union of Workers wish to express their deep regret at the decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to place on record an acknowledgement of the great work he has accomplished in his many public capacities, but more especially as Premier of New Zealand for the past thirteen years. The union also desire to convey their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their sad bereavement."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

F. A. CLEVELAND, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND TYPOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—

80 Edgware Road, St. Albans, 25th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the executive of the above association on Saturday evening it was decided to request you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the sincere sympathy of the members of the executive and of the associated unions at the loss sustained by the death of our late respected Premier.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier.

Yours, &c.,

H. B. BOWER, Secretary.

CANTERBURY TYPOGRAPHICAL INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—

80 Edgware Road, St. Albans, 18th June, 1906.

The officers and members of my union desire you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy. We feel that we have lost a sincere friend in the late respected Premier—a man whose place will be hard to fill.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

Believe me, &c.,

H. B. BOWER, Secretary.

WAREHOUSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANTERBURY.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

Christchurch, 13th June, 1906.

THE Warehousemen's Association of Canterbury desires to express its deep sense of the loss sustained by the Ministry in the untimely death of its illustrious leader and to record their appreciation of the great services rendered to New Zealand and the Empire during his long and strenuous public career.

JNO. G. MOORE, Chairman.

J. H. STRINGER, Secretary.

OTAGO TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

HONOURABLE SIR,—

Dunedin, 17th June, 1906.

Will you please convey to Mrs. Seddon the following motion, which was solemnly carried at a meeting of the board of my union held last evening: "On behalf of the members of the Otago Typographical Union, we, the board of management, sincerely join in the universal feeling of deep regret that is caused by the death of the late Premier of the colony, and resolve to place on record our high appreciation of his great and beneficent statesmanship. To Mrs. Seddon and her family we would convey our very sincere sympathy, as well as our hope that the burden which Divine Providence has laid upon them will be lightened by the knowledge that the cause of their great grief has also led to a sorrowing people."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

ANDREW WALKER, Secretary.

DUNEDIN WHARF LABOURERS' UNION.

DEAR SIR,—

Dunedin, 26th June, 1906.

The universal regret which is being so eloquently expressed by the whole community owing to the loss of our noble statesman, the late Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, is shared by the wharf labourers of Dunedin, who desire me to convey to you their sincere sympathy in the following resolution: "The Dunedin Wharf Labourers' Union desires to place on record its profound regret for the loss sustained by the colony by the demise of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, and expresses its appreciation of the consideration and regard always shown by him towards the workers; also that the condolence of the union be extended to Mrs. Seddon and family in the sad bereavement they have suffered."

We shall be grateful if you will kindly convey these sentiments to those whose grief we share.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

W. BELCHER, Secretary.

LYTTELTON CASUAL WHARF RAILWAY UNION.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Lyttelton, 16th June, 1906.

THE Lyttelton Casual Wharf Railway Union expresses its heartfelt sympathy with the loss of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

GEO. RUTHERFORD, Secretary.

BRUNNER WORKERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Brunnerton, 21st June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family heartfelt sympathy from Brunner Workers' Union in the great sorrow that has come upon them. Of the late Premier it may be said without fear of contradiction that New Zealand could ill afford to lose him.

JAMES HESLIN, Secretary.

WAIHI WORKERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Waihi, 16th June, 1906.

At committee meeting of the Waihi Workers' Co-operative Society a resolution was unanimously adopted expressing their deep sympathy in the recent sad bereavement occasioned by the death of Hon. Mr. Seddon, and would kindly request you to convey same to Mrs. Seddon and family.

F. BOYER, Secretary.

CANTERBURY WOOLLEN-WORKERS' UNION, KAIAPOI.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Kaiapoi, 12th June, 1906.

CANTERBURY Woollen-workers' Union, Kaiapoi, desire to express heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family.

H. C. REVELL, Secretary.

POLITICAL BODIES.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

EXECUTIVE OF THE LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

51 Mein Street, Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

The members of the executive of the Liberal and Labour Federation of New Zealand desire to express their deepest sympathy with you and your family in your sad bereavement.

The knowledge that your dear husband was held in such high esteem by the people of New Zealand will always be pleasing to you. And from every branch of the federation comes the same expression of regard and intense regret at the loss of our first president and founder. His work still lives and will be recorded for all time in the many marks of progress which he initiated, but above all in the many acts of kindness which have endeared him to all hearts.

May God bless you and comfort you.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

J. FINDLAY, Chairman

AUCKLAND PROVINCIAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Brighton Road, Parnell Auckland, 13th June, 1906.

The members of the Auckland Provincial Advisory Board of the Liberal and Labour Federation of New Zealand desire me to convey to you and your bereaved family their sorrowful and heartfelt sympathy in your deep affliction through the loss of your beloved husband, their dear friend and president.

They pray that Almighty God, the great Consoler of the sorrowful, may comfort you in your deep grief, and trust that the knowledge that a whole nation mourns with you the loss of a loving guide and counsellor may, even in this hour of trial, be some slight solace to you in the irreparable loss you have sustained.

On behalf of the members of the Board, and with deepest and most affectionate sympathy.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

WM. JOHNS, Chairman.

BLUFF BRANCH LIBERAL AND LABOUR ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Bluff, 11th June, 1906.

BLUFF Branch, Liberal and Labour Association, deeply deplores loss of our leader, and sincerely sympathizes with you and yours.

G. WHEALLER, President

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (CLEVEDON BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Clevedon, 6th July, 1906.

The Clevedon Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation at a meeting on the 6th July expressed the deepest sympathy to yourself and family in the lamentable loss sustained by the death of your husband the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

L. WALLIS, Hon. Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (HUNUA BRANCH).

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Hunua, 9th July, 1906.

I am instructed to convey to you the sincere sympathy of the members of the Hunua Branch of the federation assembled in meeting on Saturday last, at which very feeling reference was made to our beloved president, and your beloved partner, "who being dead yet speaketh."

With kind regards to yourself and family,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. T. STEMBRIDGE, Acting-Secretary.

LIBERAL FEDERATION (MAKINO BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Ridgeland, Feilding, 13th June, 1906.

Members of the Makino Branch of the Liberal Federation desire to tender you in your sad affliction their deep and earnest sympathy in the grief and loss that have come upon you.

We and the colony, indeed the whole Empire, have lost a great man, but upon you and your family has fallen a more direct and even still greater loss in the death of Mr. Seddon.

On behalf of the branch.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

T. G. NICHOLAS, Hon. Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (MANGATAINOKA BRANCH).

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Mangatainoka, 16th July, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of the branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation held here on Saturday, the first since the demise of your illustrious husband and our ever-to-be-revered president, it was unanimously resolved to convey to yourself and family our heartfelt sympathy with you in this your awful time of trial and tribulation, with our earnest hope that the Almighty, in His infinite mercy, may grant you grace to bear with fortitude your heavy burden.

The members all have a sad, sad feeling in losing, not only their guide, but one whose every act was for the benefit of suffering humanity.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

We have, &c.,

A. QUINLAN, President.

J. J. JAMES, Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (NEWMARKET BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Carlton Gore Road, 18th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Newmarket Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation of New Zealand, I desire to tender to yourself and family our heartfelt sympathy in this your sad bereavement. I hope that the knowledge that your grief is shared by all throughout the colony may to some extent soften the greatness of this your sad loss. With deepest sympathy,

T. J. WATTS, Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (NEWTOWN BRANCH).

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wright Street, Wellington, 22nd June, 1906.

It becomes my sorrowful duty to convey to you the following resolution passed at a meeting of the Newtown Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation on Wednesday evening last: Moved by Mr. Dawson, and seconded by Mr. Corless, "That the Newtown Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation of New Zealand deplores the loss it has sustained by the death of its illustrious chief, and records its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in the great affliction which has befallen them."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, City.

Yours, &c.,

B. DAWSON, President.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (PUKEKOHE BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Pukekohe, 18th June, 1906.

THE Pukekohe Branch of Liberal and Labour Federation unanimously desire to convey to yourself and family their heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement, and feel that the removal of your noble husband is not only a loss to this colony but also to the Empire, and that he will be remembered by future generations as one of the greatest men who ever lived.

GEORGE BALLARD, President.

GEORGE WHITE, Vice-President.

FREDK. LAVER, Secretary.

THE LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (ROTORUA BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Rotorua, 15th June, 1906.

ROTORUA Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation tender to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. We mourn the loss of our dear leader, and New Zealand's faithful and honoured Premier.

P. ALLSOP, Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (TAURANGA BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Tauranga, 14th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Liberal and Labour Federation of Tauranga it was resolved that a copy of the following resolution be sent to you: "That the Tauranga Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation of New Zealand desire respectfully to tender their sincere sympathy with yourself and family upon the death of your esteemed husband, the late Premier of New Zealand, which they realise and regret as a national calamity.

We have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

G. F. SPOONER, President.

THOS. EDWARD PRICE, Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN LIBERALS OF WAIAPU.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

Gisborne, 17th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy to yourself and family in your irreparable loss from the women Liberals of Waiapu.

MRS. MAYNARD, Vice-President.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (WAIROA BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Wairoa, 16th June, 1906.

THE Wairoa Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation tenders you and your family its heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement.

S. BELLAMY, President.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (WHANGAMOMONA BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Whangamomona, 15th June, 1906.

ACCEPT from Whangamomona Branch of Liberal and Labour Federation their heartfelt sympathy in the irreparable loss of your dear husband and our much-loved Premier.

JAS. McCLUGGAGE, President.

FARMERS' UNION (AUCKLAND BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 12th June, 1906.

ACCEPT deepest sympathy from New Zealand Farmers' Union, Province of Auckland, in your sad bereavement.

L. PHILLIPPS, Provincial President.

FARMERS' UNION (DANNEVIRKE BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

18th June, 1906.

DANNEVIRKE Branch, Farmers' Union, tender our most sincere sympathy in your sad bereavement.

M. TANSEY, Chairman.

FARMERS' UNION (MARIMA BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Marima, 11th July, 1906.

The Marima Branch of the New Zealand Farmers' Union desire to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sorrow and regret at the untimely death of the great humanitarian, late Premier of New Zealand, and their sense of the great loss sustained by them and the whole colony in the death of the most sincere friend the people of New Zealand ever had.

Signed on behalf of the branch,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

T. FOUHY, Chairman.

C. DOWNARD, Secretary.

FARMERS' UNION (NGAPAERURU BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Ngapaeruru, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Ngapaeruru Branch of the New Zealand Farmers' Union, to write stating that we not only sympathize with you in your sad bereavement, but also mourn with you in your great loss, for we feel that with you we have lost one of the greatest statesmen the world has ever produced, and one for whom a hundred thousand hearts will mourn.

And we humbly pray that that all-wise Providence, who has promised to be a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow, may comfort you in your great trial, and that He will also keep and protect you until He calls you to be reunited to your dearly beloved husband, who "though dead yet speaketh."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

W. H. WYLIE, Hon. Secretary.

FARMERS' UNION (SOUTHLAND BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Invercargill, 16th June, 1906.

THE Southland Farmers' Union respectfully desire to express their deepest sympathy with yourself and family in their great bereavement.

JOHN MACQUEEN, President.

NO-LICENSE COUNCIL (AUCKLAND PROVINCE).

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 19th June, 1906.

A largely attended meeting of representatives from the churches and temperance societies of this province was held at the West Street Church on Tuesday, 12th instant. I am instructed to forward to you the following resolution, which was unanimously carried by all the representatives rising in token of respect: "That this Convention resolves that while many of its members have on occasions differed from the late Premier, it has learned of his sudden decease with sincere regret. That this Convention herewith tenders to Mrs. Seddon and her family its most respectful sympathy in the terrible affliction which has come upon her and them, and, in common with all sections of the community, earnestly prays that her great grief and that of her children may be assuaged by the Giver of all comforts."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

H. E. PACEY, Secretary.

INDEPENDENT POLITICAL LABOUR LEAGUE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Trades Hall, Wellington, 12th July, 1906.

At the last meeting of the New Zealand executive of the above league held Friday, the 6th instant, I was instructed to forward you the following resolution, which was unanimously carried, viz.: "That this executive regrets the death of the late Premier, Mr. Seddon, and feels that the workers throughout the colony have lost one who did a great deal for them during the years he has been in Parliament, both as a member and as the colony's Prime Minister."

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

JOHN BALL, General Secretary.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LEAGUE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

20 Bidwell Street, 30th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the members of the Women's Social and Political League to tender to yourself and family their profound, sincere, and deep sympathy in your sad, sad bereavement in the loss of your good husband and our much esteemed Premier, whose place we feel will not be filled anyway in our generation.

Trusting that the pain may soon be lightened for yourself and family

Believe me, &c.,

LIZZIE MOORE, Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 16th June, 1906.

It is my painful duty to convey to you, on behalf of the Women's Political Association, the heartfelt sympathy of its members in the irreparable loss sustained by you and your family on the death of your illustrious husband, our revered Premier.

Though you mourn now in deep sorrow, we feel assured that, as with us, you will in the future rejoice that your husband's works, finished or incomplete, will stand as a beacon to illumine for all time the path of progress which he himself so strenuously trod in the best interests of humanity.

We trust, madam, that you will accept this expression of our grief as in some degree a tribute of esteem to yourself as helpmate of the great man, whose loss we now sincerely deplore.

I am, &c.,

MARY BONE, Secretary *pro tem*.

ANN JOHNSON, President.

MARION S., Vice-President.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (BROOKLYN BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Brooklyn, 12th June, 1906.

It is with deep regret that I undertake the sad duty, on behalf of the Brooklyn Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation, to express the universal regret of each and every member. I am requested to express to you the general sorrow and sincere sympathy for the loss of your beloved father. We can only estimate your loss by our own, which is irreparable. We pray that your natural grief may as soon as possible be lightened to you and your beloved mother.

With our united regards,

Believe me, &c.,

Captain R. J. Seddon.

HARRY SNELL, Hon. Secretary.

SILVERSTREAM LIBERAL CLUB.

DEAR SIR,—

Silverstream, 11th June, 1906.

Accept deepest sympathy from members and friends of Silverstream Liberal Club. Please convey same to all members of your truly bereaved household.

Our Premier died as he lived—serving his day and generation.

Believe us sincerely, and accept of our heartfelt sorrow for you and yours.

M. J. BENNINGTON.

Captain R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

POLITICAL BODIES.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

LIBERAL ADVISING BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

LIBERALS heartfelt sympathy for loss of our beloved leader.

Auckland, 11th June, 1906.

W. M. JOHNS, Chairman.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (BIRKENHEAD AND NORTHCOTE BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family deep and sincere sympathy from members of Birkenhead and Northcote Branch Liberal and Labour Federation.

Auckland, 20th June, 1906.

JAMES STEWART, Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (BROOKLYN BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Brooklyn, 12th June, 1906.

It is with deep regret that I undertake the sad duty, on behalf of the Brooklyn Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation, to express the universal regret of each and every member. I am requested to express to you the general sorrow and sincere sympathy for the loss of your colleague and our worthy president, one who for the past thirteen years had done so much for the whole of the colony. We feel our loss is irreparable, and can only estimate your loss by our own.

You have the sympathy of our branch. The feeling at a hurried meeting last evening was greatly felt, for we know that the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon died as he had lived, for the people of the colony of New Zealand.

With our united regret and sympathy.

I am, &c.,

HARRY SNELL, Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (CLEVEDON BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

CLEVEDON Branch join with you and all federation in sorrowing the loss of our great chief.

Clevedon, 13th June, 1906.

WHYTE, President.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (DEVONPORT BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hon. Premier, Wellington.

THE members of the Devonport Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation desire to offer to Mrs. Seddon and family their deepest sympathy and condolence in their great affliction and bereavement. We feel we have lost a true friend and an illustrious statesman.

Strand Arcade, 19th June, 1906.

WREFORD TIMEWELL, President.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (ELLERSLIE BRANCH).

Acting Prime Minister, Wellington.

“THAT this Ellerslie Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation of New Zealand in meeting assembled places on record its deep sense of the loss the federation and New Zealand have sustained by the death of our late worthy president, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and we recognise and appreciate the colossal services he has rendered to humanity, the Empire, and the colony; and we feel we have lost a true friend and guide in all that is ennobling. To his sorrowing wife and children we offer our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that the Almighty will make their burden light.”

I am, &c.,

LOFTUS E. AUSTIN, Secretary.

LIBERAL PARTY, ELTHAM.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

ON behalf of Liberal party I find it my painful duty to convey my greatest sympathy the great loss sustained by New Zealand by death of our great Premier.

Eltham, 13th June, 1906.

JOHN WALSH, Rawhitiroa, Eltham.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (GREY LYNN BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Premier of New Zealand, Wellington.

DEAR SIR,—The Grey Lynn Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation offer their sincere expression of condolence at the untimely decease of our great leader—a loss to New Zealand and the Empire. Please convey our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family. Signed on behalf of the Federation:

Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

F. J. H. ELLISDON, President.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (HASTINGS BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

ACCEPT our heartfelt sympathy in the great national loss sustained through the death of our late lamented Premier.

Hastings, 11th June, 1906.

JOHN J. CASSIN, Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (HELENSVILLE BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Helensville, 14th June, 1906.

HELENSVILLE Branch, Liberal and Labour Federation, desires express deep regret at loss of its noble president, Mr. Seddon, and wish you to convey sincere condolence to Mrs. Seddon.

J. REA, Acting-Secretary.

HUNTERVILLE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Hunterville, 16th June, 1906.

CONVEY Mrs. Seddon and family our deep sympathy in their great bereavement. It is a loss shared by the Empire as well as New Zealand.

W. BOWICK

W. ASHWORTH.

INVERCARGILL LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Invercargill, 11th June, 1906.

THE Invercargill Liberal Association deeply deplore lamented death Premier. His foresight, tact, and conspicuous ability as statesman won applause of good and wise in every clime. His broad political views and tender sympathies, his uniform courtesy and genial disposition, and his patriotic and altruistic sentiments endeared him to all—a truly great man who made this colony prosperous and respected.

GILFEDDER, President.

WOODS, Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (KAIPARA BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Dargaville, 12th June, 1906.

OUR late chief, "His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

KENNEDY, President.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (KAIPARA BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Aratapu, 12th June, 1906.

LIBERAL and Labour Federation, Kaipara electorate, desire to express their sincere sympathy in the loss of our great leader.

GEO. LOWRIE, Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (KAITANGATA BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Kaitangata, 14th June, 1906.

On behalf of Kaitangata Branch, Liberal and Labour Federation, would you convey our heartiest condolence and sympathy, and the deep regret we feel to Mrs. Seddon and family on their recent loss of our honoured and revered president. We in Kaitangata feel the loss very acutely as a personal one, and can hardly realise New Zealand's grand old man, our honoured and revered chief, has passed away. There is one consolation which will in a measure assuage the deep grief we all feel, that he died as he would have chosen—in harness, in the zenith of his power. And to the Almighty we commend the sorrowing relatives in this dark hour of trial.

Yours, &c.,

Mr. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

A. WESTON, Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (KARANGAHAKE BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Karangahake, 15th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey sincere sympathy from Karangahake Branch, Liberal and Labour Federation, to Mrs. Seddon and family.

WILLIAM NEIL, Chairman.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (KAWAKAWA BRANCH)

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Kawakawa, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey our deepest sympathies. All closed here.

F. MCKENZIE, President.

(Telegram.)

KONINI LIBERALS.

Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Konini, 16th June, 1906.

ALL greatly grieved at our sad loss. Accept sympathy and convey same to bereaved family from Konini Liberals. The works of our late leader will live for ever.

QUIRK and KELLY.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (MAKINO BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Feilding, 13th June, 1906.

The members of the Makino Branch of the Liberal Federation desire to offer their tribute of earnest condolence to you and your colleagues upon the death of our great Prime Minister and chief, the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon. You have lost a leader, colleague, and friend, and we can all the more readily sympathize with you, because we feel so deeply our own great loss.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

T. G. NICHOLAS, Hon. Secretary

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (MANGATAINOKA BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Pahiatua, 11th June, 1906.

MANGATAINOKA Branch L. and L. sends its deepest sympathy in awful loss of their respected chief.

JOHN H. JAMES.

LIBERAL PARTY, MARLBOROUGH.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Blenheim, 14th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Liberal party of the Marlborough District, I am directed to convey to you the deep and heartfelt sympathy the members feel at the loss you and your colleagues have sustained by the untimely decease of your late chief and leader, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

WILLIAM MACEY, Chairman, Committee.

MARTON LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—

Marton, 14th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by the direction of the Marton Liberal Association, to inform you that the association has unanimously passed the following resolution, viz.: "That this association hereby expresses its deep sense of the great loss the British Empire in general and the Colony of New Zealand in particular have sustained by the death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon; and that it desires to offer to Mrs. Seddon and the family the sincerest sympathy in their irreparable bereavement."

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

E. READ, Secretary

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (MASTERTON BRANCH).

SIR,—

Masterton, 14th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Masterton Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation of New Zealand, to convey to you a copy of a resolution passed by the branch at its meeting held this day, as follows: "That the Masterton Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation of New Zealand wishes to place on record its deep and heartfelt sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, Richard John Seddon, in whom the Empire has lost a statesman, the colony its greatest man, and the workers of the colony the noblest champion they have ever had; and that the warmest sympathy of this branch be offered to Mrs. Seddon and the bereaved family in the sad blow that has fallen upon them."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

WM. M. EASTHOPE, Hon. Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (NAPIER BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Napier, 15th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the following resolution: "That this branch of Liberal and Labour Federation desire to tender their sincere sympathy and condolence in the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of our great leader."

H. J. HARMAN, Secretary.

LIBERAL FEDERATION, NEW PLYMOUTH.

DEAR SIR,—

New Plymouth, 14th June, 1906.

The members of the Liberal Federation of New Plymouth desire to express their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in the terrible loss which has overtaken them, and trust that a Kind Providence will alleviate their grief and guard their future.

And we would like to place on record our high sense of the great loss the colony and humanity at large have sustained in the termination of so unselfish a life—a life spent in the cause of the people—and the beneficial effects of whose policy will mould future history.

We are, &c.,

DANIEL BERRY, President.
E. DOCKRILL, Vice-President.
HICKMAN F. RUSSELL, Treasurer.
E. ARMITAGE, Secretary.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (NGARUAWAHIA BRANCH).

HONOURED SIR,—

30th June, 1906.

Kindly allow me, on behalf of the Ngāruawahia Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation, to express our sorrow at the loss of our much-loved Premier. It is a national loss, and New Zealand will be a long time before it produces a soul so noble and so able as the great man who has passed away. Having known Mr. Seddon for over thirty years, I feel I have lost a great friend.

Again I ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deep regret at their great loss.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. CLAYTON.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (NORTHCOTE BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 11th June, 1906.

NORTHCOTE branch Federation desire convey heartfelt sympathy for loss to the party and colony.

WILDING, Chairman.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (ONEHUNGA BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Onehunga, 15th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon, on behalf of branch, the following resolution: "That the Onehunga Branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation of New Zealand beg to place on record our deep sorrow at the great loss of our leader and friend, and that this branch tender Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy, and trust that God may grant her strength to bear her irreparable loss."

H. HORN, Hon. Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (OPOTIKI BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Opotiki, 11th June, 1906.

CONVEY Mrs. Seddon deepest sympathy Liberal Federation.

CARROLL, Chairman.

POVERTY BAY LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Gisborne, 11th June, 1906.

LIBERAL Association of Poverty Bay desires to convey its deepest sympathy with the Government and people of New Zealand on the sudden death and loss of the Premier and leader of the people of New Zealand. They desire also that you will, on the first proper occasion, convey the assurance of their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their irreparable loss.

W. L. REES, President.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (TE AROHA BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Te Aroha, 15th June, 1906.

THE Te Aroha Branch of Liberal and Labour Federation wish you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deep sorrow at the loss she has sustained by the death of her dear husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. We mourn with them.

T. GAVIN, President.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR LEAGUE OF TERAUAMOA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Pirongia, 18th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Liberal and Labour League of Terauamoa, please convey our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family on the severe loss sustained by them and the colony.

J. RANDALL, Chairman.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION, WAHAROA.

SIR,—

21st June, 1906.

On this eventful day, the burial of our dearly beloved Premier, R. J. Seddon, I am directed by the many friends of my district to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. Though we are unknown to these good people, our hearts go out in silent grief towards them and our colony for the great loss we have sustained, but the will of God must be done. "He works in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform"; this is our only consolation.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

ROBERT A. FORSMAN, Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (WAIKINO BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Waikino, 15th June, 1906.

WAIKINO Branch Federation records deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in her sore affliction.

F. FLATT, Hon. Secretary.

LADIES OF LIBERAL LABOUR LEAGUE, WAIHI.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Waihi, 18th June, 1906.

THE ladies of the Liberal Labour League desire to express their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

MRS. J. MURRAY, Waihi.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (WHANGAMOMONA BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Whangamomona, 21st June, 1906.

MEETING Whangamomona Branch Liberal and Labour Federation passed following resolution: "Members of this branch desire to place on record our sincere regret at sudden death of the Premier and loss the Liberal party has sustained; we also wish to express our deep sympathy with the widow and family of deceased statesman."

P. TOOHEY, Hon. Secretary.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION (WHETUKURA BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Whetukura, Ormondville, 7th July, 1906.

At a meeting of the Whetukura Branch of the Liberal Federation, held on the 29th June, it was unanimously resolved that a vote of sympathy be given to the Acting-Premier on the loss he and the Liberal party have sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. A leader of such striking personality is rarely met with, and this colony should congratulate itself on producing such an Imperial figure.

The Liberal measures that will ever be associated with his name have shown other parts of the Empire the direction in which progress is setting, and the highest compliment is paid to the late statesman by those older countries which are now copying our legislation.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

R. S. CHADWICK, Hon. Secretary.

FARMERS' UNION (COLONIAL HEADQUARTERS).

SIR,—

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

It is with great regret that I learn of the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, and it devolves upon me as resident officer of the New Zealand Farmers' Union, at Wellington, to express to you our deepest sympathy with the family of the late right honourable gentleman and his colleagues in the calamity which has overtaken them.

Personally I feel I am unable to express adequately the appreciation of the many thousands of members of my union who admired the deceased statesman, and who acknowledged that, though he did not always see eye to eye with us, yet realised that his earnestness in endeavouring to do what was right, and in the interests of the colony as a whole, left no room for doubt as to the honesty of his intentions in matters pertaining to that portion of the community which my union voices.

As an individual I have only had the pleasure of the company of the late Mr. Seddon upon one occasion, and the circumstances surrounding that particular function will ever remain as a pleasurable recollection of one of whom I had heard a lot and read a great deal, but whose expressions of goodwill towards the agricultural and pastoral industry I am associated with indicated that, had his life been prolonged, many more difficulties would have been surmounted and greater laurels added to his past successes.

I have the honour to inform you that, in the unavoidable absence of our colonial president, I have been deputed to represent the New Zealand Farmers' Union at the deceased statesman's obsequies, and will be glad to hear at your convenience what arrangements have been made as to the date, time, and place of interment, and up to what time wreaths will be received.

I have, &c.,

ANGUS McCURDY, Colonial Secretary of the Union.

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

FARMERS' UNION (AUCKLAND BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 12th June, 1906.

ACCEPT deepest sympathy from New Zealand Farmers' Union, Province of Auckland, in the sudden death of our Premier.

L. PHILLIPPS, Provincial President.

FARMERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Bull's, 12th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey Farmers' Union heartfelt sympathy to family and colleagues at loss to colony and Empire of a great statesman and Imperialist; mourned by all colonists.

JAMES G. WILSON, President.

FARMERS' UNION (CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH).

SIR,—

Christchurch, 23rd June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of my executive, to ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family an assurance of the deep sympathy which the executive feel for them in the sad loss sustained by the death of the late Premier.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM F. HILSON, Provincial Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

FARMERS' UNION (DANNEVIRKE BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Dannevirke, 18th June, 1906.

DANNEVIRKE Branch Farmers' Union tender sincere sympathy at irreparable loss sustained by Mr. Seddon's death.

M. TANSEY, Chairman.

FARMERS' UNION (POVERTY BAY BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Gisborne, 13th June, 1906.

THE members of the Poverty Bay Union desire to express their regret at the colony's loss of Australasia's greatest statesman, and wish to convey their heartfelt sympathy with the bereaved family.

W. LISSANT CLAYTON, Provincial Secretary.

FARMERS' UNION (GISBORNE BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Gisborne, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Gisborne Branch of the Farmers' Union I have to convey to you and your colleagues this branch's deep sympathy in the great loss you, in common with the whole colony, have sustained through the death of our Premier, the Right Hon. Richard Seddon. His range of mind was broad and great, it provided for all classes, and it must be admitted, whether opponent or not, that he has done good work, not only for this colony, but for the British Empire as a whole. No abler man has ever filled the chair in this colony and effected the lasting good that he has done. His name and good work will last for ever; and we can but proclaim our loss and acknowledge he has done his duty faithfully and well.

W. DOUGLAS LYSNAR, Chairman.

FARMERS' UNION (HASTINGS BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Hastings, 13th June, 1906.

HASTINGS Branch Farmers' Union mourns with rest of colony death of great statesman.

A. MASTERS, Chairman.

FARMERS' UNION (LAWRENCE BRANCH).

SIR,—

Lawrence, 25th June, 1906.

I am instructed to convey to Mrs. Seddon, through you, the following resolution agreed to at a meeting of the Farmers' Union: "That the Lawrence Branch of the New Zealand Farmers' Union expresses its great regret at the loss the colony and the Empire have sustained by the death of the late Premier, and tenders to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy."

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones,

JOHN C. BROWNE, Honorary Secretary.

FARMERS' UNION (FEILDING BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Feilding, 16th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Feilding Branch of the New Zealand Farmers' Union the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting places on record its profound regret at the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, and expresses its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family."

Will you kindly convey same to them, and oblige,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

Yours, &c.,

W. T. BOWATER, Secretary.

FARMERS' UNION (MANGATAINOKA BRANCH).

SIR,—

Mangatainoka, 18th June, 1906.

At a special meeting of the Mangatainoka Branch of the New Zealand Farmers' Union the enclosed resolution was carried, which I would ask you to kindly forward to its proper destination.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. M. STERLING, Secretary.

16th June, 1906.

"The Mangatainoka Branch of the New Zealand Farmers' Union desire to tender their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their late bereavement, and express the sincere hope that they will accept this humble tribute in the spirit in which it is sent as evidence of the great esteem and appreciation of all the members of this branch for the irreparable loss they as settlers in this land have suffered."

FARMERS' UNION (NELSON BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Richmond, 14th June, 1906.

I have been requested to forward you the following resolution passed at the conference on Tuesday last, and also to ask you to kindly convey the same to Mrs. Seddon and family: "That this meeting of the Nelson Provincial District of the New Zealand Farmers' Union, in conference assembled, desire to place on record their sincere sorrow at the loss sustained by the colony through the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., and also to express our sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement; and to the Acting-Premier our profound sorrow at the loss the Government has sustained by the removal through death of so able and distinguished a statesman and leader as the deceased gentleman has always proved himself to be."

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

W. DICKSON HARKNESS, Provincial Secretary.

FARMERS' UNION (TARANAKI BRANCH).

SIR,—

Eltham, 18th June, 1906.

At the last meeting of the Taranaki Provincial Executive of the New Zealand Farmers' Union the members were unanimous in expressing regret at the untimely death of the late Premier, and adjourned for a time out of respect.

I am directed to request you to convey their sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Seddon and family in the great loss they have sustained.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

A. NAUGHTON, Provincial Secretary.

FARMERS' UNION (WOODVILLE BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Woodville, 15th June, 1906.

Please convey to Mrs. Seddon and family and your colleagues our profound sorrow and deep regret at the great and irreparable loss which they and the country have suffered.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. H. ESCOTT, Secretary.

INDEPENDENT POLITICAL LABOUR LEAGUE (DUNEDIN BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

17th June, 1906.

"The Executive of the Dunedin Branch of the Independent Political Labour League of New Zealand places on record its appreciation of the services rendered to the cause of humanity and progress by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and its sense of the loss sustained by the colony in the death of its ablest statesman; further, that the sympathy of the branch be extended to Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement."

The above resolution was carried unanimously at a special meeting of this branch executive.

I am, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

JAMES BROWN, Hon. Secretary.

YOUNG WOMEN'S NO-LICENSE CLUB, NEW PLYMOUTH.

DEAR SIR,—

New Plymouth, 15th June, 1906.

The Young Women's No-license Club, at their meeting on Thursday, passed the following resolution, which I am directed to forward to you requesting you to kindly convey the same to Mrs. Seddon: "That it was with feelings of sorrow and regret that we heard of the death of our Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and we wish to convey to yourself and family our expressions of sympathy in this your great bereavement, and trust that in this dark hour you may realise the sustaining strength of Him who alone can give true and lasting comfort."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

ANNIE CONNETT, Hon. Secretary.

WAIAPU NO-LICENSE LEAGUE.

DEAR SIR,—

Gisborne, 14th June, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of the Waiapu No-license League held last evening it was unanimously resolved to adjourn for one week, in respect for the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon; and a vote of condolence and deep sympathy for the widow and family of the deceased was also unanimously and reverently accorded.

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

JAMES EAST, Hon. Secretary.

PUBLIC MEETING OF TEMPERANCE WORKERS AT AUCKLAND.

DEAR SIR,—

St. John's Parsonage, Ponsonby, Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward to Mrs. Seddon, through you, the enclosed resolution unanimously passed at a public meeting held in Auckland on Friday the 15th instant, in connection with the annual meeting of the New Zealand Alliance, over which I had the honour to preside.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Prime Minister.

Thanking you, &c.,

GEORGE, BOND, Chairman.

(Resolution passed at the Temperance Meeting held in the Foresters' Hall, Auckland, 15th June, 1906.)

"That this public meeting, held in connection with the annual meeting of the New Zealand Alliance and Convention of Temperance Workers gathered from different parts of the colony, desires to express its sense of the loss sustained by the colony in the death of its Prime Minister, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., its profound sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their painful and sudden bereavement, and prays that Almighty God may comfort and sustain them in the hour of their great sorrow."

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 14th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Decorative Sectional Committee of the New Zealand International Exhibition to forward to you a copy of a resolution proposed by the chairman, Mr. G. R. Hart, and seconded by Mr. T. Gapes, and carried at a meeting of that committee held on the 13th instant. The resolution reads as follows: "The Decorative Committee being the first of the sectional committees of the Exhibition to meet since the lamented death of the Premier, desires to place on record their deep sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the Exhibition by the death of its President."

The Exhibition was projected by the late Premier, and he took a very lively and personal interest in all connected with it. The committee therefore ventures to express the hope that the Government of the future will so carry the Exhibition to a conclusion as to render it worthy to take a high place among the many other examples of the splendid work done by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon for the people of the Colony of New Zealand.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

E. RIGHTON, Secretary.

WESTPORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

MADAM,—

Westport, 23rd July, 1906.

I beg to inform you that at a meeting of my executive, held on the 20th instant, the following resolution was carried: "That the members of the Westport International Exhibition Executive Committee desire to put on record the very high esteem in which the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, was held by the people of the Buller district, and that a letter be addressed to his widow deploring the sudden death, in the zenith of his fame, of such a great and far-seeing statesman; and that the condolence and earnest sympathy of this committee be conveyed therein to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great and sad bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

FRANK MORRISON, Secretary.

BOYS' TRAINING-FARM, LEVIN.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Levin, 11th June, 1906.

I CONVEY to you and your family the deepest sympathy of myself, staff, and inmates at the loss of your great and noble-hearted husband, our kind friend and Minister, and New Zealand's great statesman.

G. M. BURLINSON, Manager.

ENGINE-ROOM STAFF, S.S. "HINEMOA."

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Bluff, 16th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept heartfelt sympathy from engine-room staff of s.s. "Hinemoa."

NEILSON, Chief.

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Head Office, Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

I beg to assure you of the sincere sympathy of the officers of this Department in the great bereavement that has overtaken you and yours in the death of Mr. Seddon. It will, however, be some consolation to you in this "inevitable hour," the hour that awaits us all, to know that you have the spontaneous testimony of so many people of all shades of opinion of the high estimation in which he was held by the inhabitants of this colony. Personally I must say that, amongst his other distinguished qualities, I always admired that kindheartedness that he invariably displayed in the case of the officers of this Department. I do not recollect any occasion on which I appealed to him in connection with the illness of an officer that he did not manifest the greatest kindness and consideration.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

J. RICHARDSON, Commissioner.

LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT behalf staff and self sincerest sympathy. Words cannot express how we all feel.

MACKAY, Labour Department.

SOUTHLAND LAND BOARD.

MADAM,—

District Office, Invercargill, 29th June, 1906.

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a resolution unanimously passed by the Land Board of the Southland Land District at its meeting held on the 28th instant, and, in doing so, I am requested by the members of the Board to express to you our sorrow individually and collectively at the very great loss we have sustained by the removal from amongst us of one who has been the greatest reformer, legislator, and leader of men in the British dominions, and who has given his life for his country.

On behalf of the members of the Land Board I desire to convey to you and all the members of your family our heartfelt sympathy with you in your great bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

J. HAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

(Resolution.)

"That this meeting stands adjourned for half an hour as a mark of respect to our late and honoured Premier, by whose sudden and untimely death this colony and the Empire has sustained an irredeemable loss, and that a copy of this resolution along with a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Seddon, expressing our deepest sympathy for her and family in their sad and mournful bereavement."

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Colonial Museum, Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

Permit me, on behalf of the New Zealand Institute, to tender you the sympathy of the Board of Governors of the Institute in the overwhelming grief into which you and your family have been plunged with such awful suddenness. The sorrow which is so keen to you all is felt by the Institute to a lesser extent and the Institute desires to express its sympathy with you in your great grief, its appreciation of the distinguished services rendered to the colony in general and education in particular by your late husband, and also the great loss suffered by his untimely death.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

THOS. H. GILL, Secretary.

PERMANENT FORCE.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Alexandra Barracks, Wellington, 15th June, 1906.

THE officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Permanent Force throughout the colony tender their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement.

It is felt by all ranks that they have sustained the loss of a noble chief and a true friend. He will forever live in the memory of all as one who has taken the greatest interest in the welfare of the regiment.

J. E. HUME, Major, R.N.Z.A.,
Officer Commanding Regiment.

3RD WANGANUI BATTALION, PUBLIC SCHOOL CADETS.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

22nd June, 1906.

I forward this for your information, and can only say that the cadets have lost their best friend.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

L. W. LOVEDAY, Lieut.-Colonel.

SIR,—

Rata, 16th June, 1906.

Will you kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon the respectful regrets and condolence of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and cadets of the 3rd Wanganui Battalion (Rangitikei) Public School Cadets, and their sympathy with her and her family on their irreparable loss they have sustained.

I am, &c.,

HENRY W. SAUNDERS,
Commanding 3rd Wanganui Batt. P.S.C., N.Z.

Lieut.-Colonel Loveday, Commanding Public School Cadets, Wellington.

STAFF OF THE PORIRUA MENTAL HOSPITAL.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 19th June, 1906.

I send you a letter which has reached me to-day from the staff of the Porirua Mental Hospital, conveying their heartfelt sympathy.

Truly the hearts of the people have gone out to you and your children in your great sorrow. The all-pervading feeling is that, not only have you lost a kind and noble husband and your children the best of fathers, but that the people have lost their best friend, and that a great calamity has fallen on the colony.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

W. H. FIELD.

DEAR SIR,—

Porirua Mental Hospital, 18th June, 1906.

On behalf of the attendant staff of the Porirua Mental Hospital I write to ask you as member for this district if you will be kind enough to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family their heartfelt sympathy in the sad bereavement which has so recently and so suddenly overtaken them. I should at the same time like to say that the staff fully indorse the high eulogiums which have been publicly passed upon our late Prime Minister, not only by New-Zealanders among whom Mr. Seddon has lived so long and laboured so strenuously and who consequently best knew him, but by people in far distant countries, who appreciated his sterling qualities as a statesman, patriot, and humanitarian.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, &c.,

W. H. Field, Esq., M.H.R.

ERNEST BARNES, Head Attendant.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

At a meeting of the staff of the New Zealand Government Printing and Stationery Department held this 13th day of June, 1906, it was unanimously resolved, "That we, the staff of the Government Printing and Stationery Department, do hereby tender to Mrs. Seddon and her family our most sincere sympathy with them in their great bereavement."

Signed on behalf of the staff,

JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE STAFF, DUNEDIN.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Dunedin, 15th June, 1906.

THE Dunedin telegraph and telephone staff tender their deepest sympathy in your sudden and irreparable bereavement. Your husband has left us a noble example of devotion to duty, race, and country. His memory will long be cherished in our hearts, and we shall all feel poorer by his loss.

J. G. BALARD, Officer-in-Charge.

POSTAL DEPARTMENT, HOKITIKA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hokitika, 11th June, 1906.

OFFICERS, Postal Department, Hokitika, desire to express their heartfelt sympathy with yourself and family in irreparable loss.

D. ST. GEORGE, Chief Postmaster.

CHIEF POST-OFFICE, NELSON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Chief Post-office, Nelson, 18th June, 1906.

THE undersigned officers of the Chief Post-office, Nelson, desire to tender their deepest sympathy in your sad and irreparable loss. We shall ever feel that we have lost an able leader, and sincere friend, and one whom we felt always had our best interests at heart.

SYDNEY STENT, Chief Postmaster.

H. M. SIMPSON.

And 47 others.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS, PETONE.

MADAM,—

Locomotive Department, Petone Station, 13th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the employees of the Petone Railway Workshops the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That the employees of the Petone Railway Workshops desire to express their profound regret at the untimely decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and wish to express their deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family; they recognise that in his death New Zealand and the Empire loses a great and good man, and railway employees a staunch and fast friend."

J. LEADBEATER

K. KEITH

W. FITZGERALD

} Convenors.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

CO-OPERATIVE WORKERS, OTAGO CENTRAL RAILWAY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Alexandra South, 15th June, 1906.

THE co-operative workmen, Otago Central Railway, extend to yourself and family their heartfelt sympathy in this your hour of trial. Your loss is theirs.

JOHN ROTHWELL.

OFFICERS AND MEN ON MAIN TRUNK RAILWAY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Taihape, 11th June, 1906.

OFFICERS and men on Main Trunk Railway tender deepest sympathy.

F. W. FURKERT, Resident Engineer.

MIDLAND RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Lyttelton, 21st June, 1906.

THE workers have lost their best friend. We desire to tender the deepest and most sincere sympathy of the Midland Railway employees in your sad and heartfelt bereavement.

C. OPIE.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of myself and the officers of the Stamp Department, I beg to convey to you and your family our deepest sympathy in your great sorrow, and regret at the irreparable loss which the colony has sustained by the demise of your distinguished husband the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

C. A. HICKSON.

GOVERNMENT VALUATION OF LAND DEPARTMENT.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

The officers of the Government Valuation of Land Department desire to express their deepest sympathy with you and the members of your family in the sad loss which you have sustained by the death of Mr. Seddon.

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

G. F. C. CAMPBELL, Valuer-General.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT, WELLINGTON.

DEAR MISS SEDDON,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of ourselves and of the staff of the General Post Office and of the officers of the Post and Telegraph Department throughout New Zealand, we beg to offer to you, in the absence of Mrs. Seddon, and through you to all your family, our most sincere condolence and heartfelt sympathy

in the great affliction and bereavement which has befallen Mrs. Seddon and all her family. No words of ours can fitly describe the sorrow which we feel at the loss of one who at all times took the most kindly interest in the welfare of the Department which we represent, and we can only therefore express the hope that our small tribute of sympathy may be accepted with others to help to assuage the deep grief which has come to you.

We are, &c.,

J. K. LOGAN, Superintendent.
 THOMAS ROSE, Acting-Secretary.
 GEO. GRAY, Controller.
 D. ROBERTSON, Acting Assistant Secretary.
 W. MORRIS, Acting-Inspector.

NEW ZEALAND POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION' (CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Telegraph Department, Christchurch, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Christchurch Branch of the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Officers' Association, I desire to tender you and your bereaved relatives our sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss you have sustained through the death of your illustrious father.

In doing so, we wish to express our grateful appreciation for the many benefits he has, during his distinguished career, conferred not only upon us, but upon the whole of the wage-earners of New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,

WALTER A. MANSELL,
 Branch Secretary.

Captain R. J. S. Seddon, Wellington.

CLERICAL STAFF OF COMMANDANT'S OFFICE (DEFENCE DEPARTMENT).

Headquarters, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington,

DEAR CAPTAIN SEDDON,—

13th June, 1906.

On behalf and at the desire of the clerical staff of the Commandant's Office, I beg to tender Mrs. Seddon, yourself, and other members of your family, our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy on the lamented death of your great and good father.

With the hope that the world-wide appreciation of your noble father's distinguished services in the interests of the Empire, New Zealand, and humanity in general, may lighten the affliction of his family which they so deeply feel at his great loss, I beg to remain,

Yours, &c.,

W. E. BUTLER, Chief Clerk.

Captain R. J. S. Seddon, Wellington.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

GOVERNMENT ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BOARD.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier.

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

MY BOARD instructs me to advise you that at a meeting of the General Board of the office held to-day it was resolved to place on record the Board's sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the Government and the people of New Zealand by the death of the late Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon.

P. HEYES, Superintendent.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 12th June, 1906.

ON behalf of myself and the other members of the Education Department I wish to express our deep grief at the irreparable loss the country and the Department have suffered by the death of the Minister.

G. HOGGEN.

BOYS' TRAINING-FARM, LEVIN.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Levin, 11th June, 1906.

THE staff and inmates desire to express their great grief and sorrow at the loss of their Minister and friend, the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon.

G. M. BURLINSON, Manager.

MELBOURNE EXECUTIVE OF NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Melbourne, 16th June, 1906.

RESOLUTION profound regret death Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, President Exhibition; sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family their sad and irreparable bereavement.

EXHIBITION COMMISSIONERS.

AUCKLAND LAND BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Opotiki, 20th June, 1906.

AUCKLAND Land Board tenders its deepest regret at Mr. Seddon's sudden death, with heartfelt sympathy for the deceased's family. But for Board being engaged here in opening a large area for settlement they would have been able to attend funeral.

JAMES MACKENZIE, Commissioner.

WESTLAND LAND BOARD (PER MINISTER OF LANDS).

Lands and Survey Department,

Hon. Prime Minister.

Wellington, 27th June, 1906.

Westland Land Board.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Westland Land Board, at their last meeting on the 20th instant, made very sympathetic reference to the great loss sustained by the colony and by the Westland District in the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and concluded their remarks by passing a resolution of condolence, and immediately after adjourning for one week.

I shall be glad if you will kindly transmit to Mrs. Seddon the resolution hereunder: "The Westland Land Board desire to place upon record an expression of their great sorrow at the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and tender their sincere and heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sore bereavement."

T. Y. DUNCAN, Minister of Lands.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

SIR,—

Wellington, 20th June, 1906.

On behalf of the officers of this, the Health Department, I beg to assure you most respectfully of our sorrow on the death of the late Right Hon. the Premier, Mr. Seddon. It would be unseemly on the part of any one holding place in the Civil Service of the State to say more than that we grieve most truly over the tragic end of he who held the chief office under the representative of our King.

His enthusiasm in all matters which made for the betterment of the physical and social weal of the people justifies, I trust, my asking you to record the great loss which we, whose work is mainly concerned therewith, feel at the death of him who chose for his highest claim to remembrance the title of "Humanist."

With the sentiments of my staff I most earnestly ask to be associated, and in the prayer that the lamentations of the Empire may in some measure assuage his wife and family's sorrow.

I most respectfully subscribe myself—

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. M. MASON.

MAINTENANCE STAFF OF THE AUCKLAND SECTION OF RAILWAYS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

THE maintenance staff of the Auckland Section of railways wish to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS, ADDINGTON.

SIR,—

Sydenham, 13th June, 1906.

I have been deputed by the Addington Workshops' employees to forward you the following resolution: "That this meeting of railway employees desires to express heartfelt grief at the great loss which the colony has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. the Premier. As railway men we have lost a true friend; as citizens we feel we have lost the greatest citizen and democrat this country has had. His loss will be irreparable; and to his sorrowing family our hearts go out, and we trust that they may be enabled to bear up under their great tribulation."

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

EDWARD CAMERON.

EASTOWN RAILWAY WORKSHOPS, ARAMOHO.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Aramoho, 15th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey the deep sympathy of the employees Eastown Railway Workshops to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement.

W. KYDD, Workshops Foreman.

WORKMEN ON LAWRENCE-ROXBURGH RAILWAY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Lawrence, 20th June, 1906.

THE men working on Lawrence-Roxburgh Railway desire to convey their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in sad bereavement, and express sorrow at loss of their truest friend.

J. COCKBURN, for Workmen.

CO-OPERATIVE WORKERS, LAWRENCE-ROXBURGH RAILWAY.

SIR,—

Lawrence, 14th June, 1906.

On behalf of the co-operative workers on the Lawrence-Roxburgh Railway I wish to convey through you our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement, also the loss the Government has sustained through the loss of a thorough leader and able statesman.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

A. J. KEARNS.

CO-OPERATIVE WORKERS AT OIO.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Oio, 20th June, 1906.

THE workmen on co-operative works here beg to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement by the loss of her esteemed husband. We recognise his good work, and the world is the poorer by his demise. As a mark of respect we would like work suspended to-morrow.

C. J. RYAN.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE.

DEAR SIR,—

Christchurch, 28th June, 1906.

By resolution carried at a meeting of the above brigade I am instructed to request you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deep and heartfelt sympathy with them in their sad bereavement, and to assure them of the members' keen and painful realisation of the great and irreparable loss sustained by the wage-earners of this colony through the untimely and unlooked-for death of their late husband and father, the workers' best friend, and New Zealand's greatest statesman.

Personally I feel too stunned and bewildered to fully realise the fact that New Zealand and Richard John Seddon are separated for ever. The loss to the people is too great for immediate realisation; and contemplation of the family's grief adds bitterness to the people's sorrow.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

RICHARD WINTER, Hon. Secretary.

CO-OPERATIVE WORKERS, NGAHERE-BLACKBALL RAILWAY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ngahere, 15th June, 1906.

THE undersigned have been directed by the co-operative workers employed on the Ngahere-Blackball Railway in meeting assembled to respectfully request that you, on their behalf, will convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincere sorrow and deep regret at the sad bereavement they have sustained in the death of Mr. Seddon, who was our great chief counsellor and friend.

THOMAS MOONEY, Chairman.

C. R. DAVIS, Secretary.

STAFF OF THE PACIFIC CABLE.

(Telegram.)

Secretary, Wellington.

Doubtless Bay, 12th June, 1906.

PLEASE deliver following to Acting Postmaster-General, Wellington: On behalf of staff, Pacific Cable, please accept and convey Mrs. Seddon our deep regrets death Mr. Seddon; was true friend Pacific cable.

REYNOLDS, General Manager.

HERTSLETT, Doubtless Bay.

OAMARU RAILWAY STAFF.

DEAR SIR,—

Oamaru, 18th June, 1906.

We are sending addressed to you under separate cover one case containing a wreath, which we ask you if you would kindly be good enough to arrange to have delivered to the relatives of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

We also wish you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy towards them on their sad bereavement.

We remain, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

F. C. MACKAY, for Staff.

MEN OF TURANGARERE LINE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Turangarere, 14th June, 1906.

MEN of this line express deepest sympathy in sad bereavement of the colony. No particulars obtainable here.

MCAULAY.

STAFF OF RECEIVING-HOME AT CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR SIR,—

39 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch, 18th June, 1906.

I desire, on behalf of the Receiving-home staff and myself, to express very great regret at the death of Mr. Seddon, Minister of Education.

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

A. B. Cox.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY, WELLINGTON.

Hon. T. Y. Duncan, Minister of Lands, Wellington.

13th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the whole of the officers of the Lands and Survey Department, I would ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the family, through the Hon. the Acting-Premier, our heartfelt sorrow at the sad bereavement which has overtaken them so suddenly.

We cannot find words to adequately express our sense of the irreparable loss which New Zealand, the Civil Service of the colony, and our Department has experienced in this unexpected manner, but it must always be a matter for pride amongst the staff of the Department to have had the honour of serving under such a Prime Minister as the distinguished statesman who has just been taken from us in such a tragic fashion.

W. KENSINGTON* Under-Secretary.

NELSON LAND BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Under-Secretary Lands, Wellington.

Nelson, 15th June, 1906.

AT meeting of Land Board it was resolved that the heartfelt sympathy of the Board be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon and family, through the Hon. Minister of Lands, in their sad bereavement caused by the lamented death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and the irreparable loss that the whole of New Zealand has sustained by his death. Would you please communicate this to Mrs. Seddon.

W. G. MURRAY, Commissioner.

MARLBOROUGH LAND BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

Blenheim, 12th June, 1906.

THE Marlborough Land Board begs that you will be so good as to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its heartfelt sympathy with them in their great bereavement through the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, whose loss all New Zealand mourns to-day.

HENRY TRENT, Commissioner.

MEMBERS OF PICTON-SEDDON WORKING RAILWAY.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Picton, 18th June, 1906.

THE members of the Picton-Seddon working railways desire me to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family, through you, their deepest sympathy for the loss Mrs. Seddon and family have experienced by the death of a dear husband and father, and out of the great respect for the great Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, the above employees have sent a wreath by one of their comrades, who will attend the funeral and place the wreath over the remains of the late great statesman.

THOMAS EDWARDS, Stationmaster-in-Charge.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD.

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

Wellington, 28th June, 1906.

WE, members of the Wellington Education Board, sincerely regret the great loss the colony and the cause of education suffer by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister of Educa-

tion; and we respectfully desire to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family our real sympathy with them in their time of sorrow.

ROBERT LEE, Chairman.
JOHN KEBBELL,
EDWIN FEIST,
A. W. HOGG,
T. W. McDONALD,

ARTHUR H. VILE.
WILLIAM ALLAN.
W. C. BUCHANAN.
W. H. FIELD.

AUCKLAND EDUCATION BOARD.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Auckland, 15th June, 1906.

The members of the Auckland Education Board desire to express their profound sorrow at the lamented death of your husband, and their cordial appreciation of the special services which he has rendered to the cause of education in this colony during his long and honourable term of office as Minister of Education. They wish me to convey to you and to the members of your family their sincere sympathy with you in the great and irreparable loss which you have sustained.

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

L. J. BAGNALL, Chairman.

AUCKLAND CITY SCHOOLS COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 20th June, 1906.

The Auckland City Schools Committee, representing the teachers and children belonging to the Auckland District, by unanimous vote desire to sympathize with you and your family in the deep grief at your irreparable bereavement suffered through the passing-away of your dearly beloved husband, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand.

The Committee trust that it may soften your sorrow to know that he has left behind a noble memory in the great works he has achieved for the people of New Zealand, making the laws an object-lesson to those countries which desire the uplifting of the poor and the progress and goodfellowship of all.

May the Lord comfort you and yours in your great affliction.

The Committee mourns with you.

Truly yours,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

P. M. MACKAY, Chairman.

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

MADAM,—

30th June, 1906.

I have been instructed to forward to you copy resolution adopted at a recent meeting of the Council of this College: "That the Council of the Auckland University College at its first meeting since the melancholy death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand for a continuous period of thirteen years and Visitor of this College at the time of his death, desires to record its appreciation of his public services, and to tender to his widow and family the Council's sincere condolences with them in their irreparable loss."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

D. W. RUNCIMAN, Registrar.

AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Secretary's Office, Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

(Resolution of Auckland Grammar School Board referred to in the Chairman's letter of to-day.)

"THAT the Board of Governors of the Auckland Grammar School places on record its expression of deepest sorrow for the untimely death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, Prime Minister, and Minister of Education of New Zealand, and tenders its heartfelt condolence and sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their awful bereavement, which alike has rendered them widowed and fatherless, and has inflicted on the colony and the Empire an irreparable loss."

W. WALLACE KIDD, Secretary.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Remuera School, Auckland, 2nd July, 1906.

I am requested to convey to you the following resolution adopted at the annual meeting of the Auckland District Educational Institute: "That this District Institute desires to place on record its appreciation of the many services rendered to the cause of education by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and at the same time to express its deep sorrow at his death, and its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their great bereavement."

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

COLIN R. MUNRO, Secretary.

HEADMASTERS' ASSOCIATION, AUCKLAND.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

THE Headmasters' Association of Auckland respectfully send you every expression of sympathy in your sad bereavement. Your late husband was the teachers' friend.

E. B. HERIOT, President.

HOUSEHOLDERS OF THE ADDINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT.

DEAR MADAM,—

June, 1906.

I have been instructed to forward to you the following resolution which was carried amidst expressions of deepest sympathy and regret at a meeting of householders of the Addington School district held last evening: "That this meeting of householders desire to express their deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad and sudden bereavement caused by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of this colony and one of the ablest Ministers of Education the colony has had. By his decease the colony has sustained a national calamity, as undoubtedly he was one of the greatest statesmen of the present century."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

WALTER JOHNSON, Secretary.

ANDERSON'S BAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

13th June, 1906.

With deep regret I beg to forward you the following resolution which was passed at a meeting of the above School Committee on Tuesday, the 12th instant: "That this Committee desires to express its extreme regret at the lamentable death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Minister of Education, and wishes to convey its deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

J. G. HEWITT, Clerk.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS, CANTERBURY COLLEGE.

MADAM,—

Christchurch, 13th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Chairman, to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Governors of Canterbury College held last Monday, the 11th instant, the following resolution was passed: "That this Board deplores the loss which the colony has sustained by the death of the late Premier and Minister of Education, the Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desires to place on record its sense of the high services rendered by him to the colony; and that the sympathy of the members of the Board be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their great loss."

Mrs. Louisa Jane Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

A. WILSON, Registrar.

CHRISTCHURCH TECHNICAL ASSOCIATED CLASSES.

DEAR MADAM,—

Canterbury Hall, Christchurch, 12th July, 1906.

I am directed by the Board of Managers of the above to express to you and to your family their very deep sympathy in your great bereavement.

Not the least of the enduring monuments of your husband's fame is the system of technical education which he initiated and which has now suffered an irreparable loss.

My Board trusts that a knowledge of the universal appreciation of his great work and of the equally universal sympathy which his death has called forth may bring to you some measure of consolation.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JOHN H. HOWELL, Director.

DARFIELD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

DEAR MADAM,—

19th June, 1906.

At a Committee meeting of the above school the enclosed resolution was carried, and I was instructed to offer you and your family our sincere sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

J. H. MOFFAT, Chairman.

(Resolution.)

"The Committee has heard with the deepest regret of the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and desires to place on record its high appreciation of him as a statesman, and of his great and varied services to the people of New Zealand and the Empire."

COUNCIL OF OTAGO UNIVERSITY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, care Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Dunedin, 13th June, 1906.

At a meeting of University Council held this day the following resolution was passed: "That the Council of the Otago University are deeply grieved at the tragic event which has so suddenly deprived the nation of a great statesman and New Zealand of a sympathetic Minister of Education, and the Council earnestly sympathizes with the widow and family in their bereavement."

JAMES ALLEN, Vice-Chancellor.

DUNEDIN HIGH STREET SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

High Street School, Dunedin, 17th June, 1906.

It is my sad duty to convey to you the following resolution passed by this Committee—viz: "That we desire to express our profound regret at the great loss the colony has sustained through the

death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand and Minister of Education, and also to convey to Mrs. Seddon, her family, and relations our deepest sympathy with them in their irreparable loss. His statesmanlike and genial qualities have endeared his name to all classes, and his warm interest and influence in matters connected with education and the general welfare of the community will ever serve to help to keep in remembrance one of the foremost politicians of the British Empire."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

D. WISHART, Hon. Secretary.

GRAFTON DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 19th July, 1906.

I am directed by the Committee of the Grafton District High School, Auckland, to convey to you their sincere sympathy in the recent irreparable loss to yourself and family and also to the people of New Zealand in the removal by death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

JOHN B. PATERSON, Secretary.

GREYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and family, Wellington.

Greymouth, 13th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Greymouth School Committee accept their heartfelt sympathy in the great loss you have sustained. As a man and Minister of Education my Committee feel they have lost a true and valued friend.

H. BIGNELL, Chairman.

GREY EDUCATION BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 12th June, 1906.

At the regular meeting of the Grey Education Board held on the 11th instant the following resolution was carried in silence, all the members standing: "That this Board expresses its profound grief and regret at the loss sustained by the colony through the lamentable death of the Prime Minister, the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon; that the heartfelt sympathy of the members be tendered to his noble wife in her calamity, and they pray the Almighty to comfort and sustain the relatives in their hour of affliction." The Board then adjourned.

C. F. DANIEL, Secretary.

HAMILTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and family, Wellington.

Frankton Junction, 21st June, 1906.

HAMILTON District High School expression of sympathy.

S. KNIGHT, Chairman.

HOKITIKA HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Hokitika, 14th June, 1906.

I beg to forward the following resolution that was passed at a meeting of the Board of Governors yesterday: "That this Board places on record its deep sense of the great loss this colony and the Empire sustains by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., who, as Minister of Education, has done so much in that Department for the benefit of the people, and that its deepest sympathy and condolence be extended to Mrs. Seddon and family in their irreparable loss."

The members, in common with whole of the people on the Coast, feel keenly the loss they have sustained and hope that these expressions of sincere sympathy may help you to bear up against the blow that has so suddenly come upon you.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

CHAS. KIRK, Secretary.

HUNUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Seddon and family.

Hunua, 22nd June, 1906.

THE Hunua School Committee wish to place on record our sorrow at the great loss of the late Premier, Minister of Education and the children's friend.

This Committee tender to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy, trusting the great Ruler of the Universe will give strength to bear their irreparable loss.

The many things the late Minister of Education has done for the cause of the children will keep his memory evergreen, and we sincerely hope this will help to assuage your grief.

Yours, &c.,

T. Y. LOCKWOOD, Secretary.

KAITANGATA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MADAM,—

Kaitangata, 29th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Kaitangata School Committee held on Tuesday evening, the 26th June, the following motion was moved by the Chairman, Dr. Fitzgerald, and placed in the minutes. I have been instructed by the Committee to forward you a copy.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

PERCY A. BRADY, Secretary.

(Resolution, Kaitangata School Committee.)

Resolved, "That this meeting place on record the heavy loss to education that the colony has suffered in the death of its Premier and Minister of Education, the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and that the sympathy of the Committee go out to Mrs. Seddon and family in their terrible sorrow."

KOPURU SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Aratapu, 12th June, 1906.

DEEP sympathy from Kopuru School Committee sad bereavement.

WEBB, Chairman.

KUROW SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MADAM,—

The Vicarage, Kurow, 3rd August, 1906.

I am directed by the Kurow School Committee to forward to you the accompanying extract from its minute-book: "Moved by the Rev. G. Fyne-Clinton, seconded by Mr. George Orr, 'That the Kurow School Committee at this, its first meeting since the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, desires to place on record its sense of the heavy loss sustained by the colony by the decease of its late Premier and Minister of Education, and the Committee also desires to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family.' Carried."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

G. FYNE-CLINTON, Clerk.

LINCOLN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Lincoln, 3rd July, 1906.

I am instructed by the Committee of the Lincoln District High School to convey to you their regret at the loss the colony has sustained through the death of your husband, and to express their sincere sympathy with you and your family in your trouble.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

GEORGE RENNIE, Hon. Secretary.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND RESIDENTS OF LINTON.

DEAR MADAM,—

Linton, 16th June, 1906.

The School Committee and residents of Linton send to you, through me, their deepest sympathy and heartfelt sorrow at the great loss sustained by the death of your beloved husband—the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

GEORGE RIX, Secretary.

MAORI HILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MADAM,—

Maori Hill, 17th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to forward you copy of resolution passed by the Maori Hill School Committee, as follows: "The Maori Hill School Committee, at this its first meeting, desires to express deep sorrow in the loss the colony and Empire have sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, who was a firm and capable administrator of our national system of education, and to whom was chiefly due the granting of educational facilities to the residents of Maori Hill, a boon which will always link his name with the institution represented by this Committee; and that a letter of sincere sympathy with the late statesman's family be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon and the Premier."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

C. GATES, Clerk.

MARLBOROUGH EDUCATION BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Education Board Office, Blenheim, 11th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Marlborough Education Board, to transmit the following copy of a resolution carried unanimously at the last meeting of the Board, and the first since the date of the sad event referred to.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

JOHN SMITH, Secretary.

"The members of the Marlborough Education Board desire to express, and place on record, their deep regret at the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and tender their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their bereavement."

MATAKANUI SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Matakanui, 23rd June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Matakanui School Committee held on the 21st instant I was instructed to forward you the following resolution passed at the meeting: "That the Committee desires to express its heartfelt regret for the untimely and sudden death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and its high appreciation of his invaluable life and services devoted to this colony; further, that this Committee convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our expression of its condolence with them under their irreparable bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

T. DUGGAN, Hon. Secretary.

MOUNT ALBERT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MADAM,—

Auckland, 15th June, 1906.

At the usual monthly meeting of the above Committee the Chairman, F. H. Elledden, Esq., J.P., when opening the meeting, referred to the great loss the colony and Empire had sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, your esteemed husband, and moved the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "We, the members of the Mount Albert School Committee, place on record our profound regret at the loss sustained by New Zealand, by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, in the zenith of his power and usefulness as Premier of the colony. We believe that when he was called to office fourteen years ago New Zealand was in need of such a strong and able man to guide its destinies, and fear it will be long ere his equal will be found."

I was directed to send you a copy of the resolution, and to convey to you our heartfelt sympathy in your great loss.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

J. W. BADSON, Hon. Secretary.

MOUNT COOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

75 Wallace Street, Wellington, 24th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Mount Cook School Committee to tender you and your family their sincere condolence in your sad and irreparable bereavement, caused by the death of your beloved husband, the Premier of New Zealand.

Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

M. A. TASKER, Hon. Secretary.

NELSON EDUCATION BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Education Office, Nelson, 27th June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward the attached resolution, passed by the Nelson Education Board at their first meeting since the lamented death of your illustrious husband, expressive of the Board's regret at his loss and appreciation of his services to his country; in both of which I respectfully join.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

STEAD ELLIS, Secretary.

(Resolution passed by the Nelson Education Board, 25th June, 1906.)

"That the Nelson Education Board desire to place on record an expression of their sincere sorrow and regret at the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister of Education. They, with the colony at large and many beyond its confines, mourn the loss of one who was truly great. While other Acts of his Administration have directly benefited the colony as a whole and exerted a widespread influence upon the nation, the cause of education has ever regarded him as its champion who endowed it, among others, with such far-reaching and beneficent measures as the Manual and Technical Instruction Act, School Attendance Act, Secondary Schools Act, and Teachers' Superannuation Act; each and all initiating great reforms that are bound to exert a powerful influence upon the training of the youth and upon the future destinies of this young nation. The Board desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family their condolence and sincere sympathy for them in their sad bereavement."

NEW ZEALAND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

It is with very deep regret that I write on behalf of the New Zealand Educational Institute to convey to you and your family the sincere sympathy of the teachers of New Zealand with you in the deep sorrow that has overtaken you. The great reform which the late Premier, as Minister of Education, was instrumental in introducing in the schools of this colony will ever be affectionately remembered by the present and future generations of teachers and scholars of New Zealand. To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die, and no greater monument than this can be raised to the memory of the friend who has gone from amongst us. While to us his parting is a national loss, to you and yours it is something far deeper; may your grief be assuaged by the knowledge that the people whom he so loved are grieving with you.

On behalf of my fellow-teachers,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

WILLIAM FOSTER, Secretary.

NGAHERE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Ngahere, 29th June, 1906.

I am requested by the Ngahere School Committee to convey to you and your family their deepest sympathy in your and the colony's great loss by the death of your esteemed husband.

Mrs. Seddon.

I remain, &c.,

JOHN CRAIG.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

DEAR MADAM,—

The School, Opawa, 22nd June, 1906.

I am instructed by the President of the North Canterbury District Educational Institute to convey to you and your family the heartfelt sympathy of the members of the Institute in the sad and sudden bereavement you have sustained, and to express on behalf of the teachers of North Canterbury their sense of the deep loss the cause of education in the colony has suffered by the death of one who had during the last fourteen years taken such an active part in furthering the best interests of both teachers and scholars.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

D. M. SHIRLAW, Hon. Secretary.

O'KAIN'S BAY SCHOOL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

O'Kain's Bay, 12th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy with yourself and family from pupils, teachers, and Committee of O'Kain's Bay School.

W. THOMAS, Headmaster.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS, OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Jetty Street, Dunedin, 29th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board of Governors, to transmit to you the following resolution which was passed at the meeting of the Board held yesterday: "The Dunedin High Schools' Board of Governors desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the schools by the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, the late Premier, who also held the position of Minister of Education. During his term of office the constitution of the schools was changed, and the scope of their usefulness widely extended. The legislation making the schools practically free, marks an epoch in the history of education in the colony which will for all time be associated with Mr. Seddon's tenure of the offices of Premier and Minister of Education. Members of the Board share the profound grief which is felt by all at his sudden death, and offer their respectful sympathy to Mrs. Seddon, and to the members of his family."

I, myself, desire to express my sincere sympathy with you and the members of your family in your sad bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

SECRETARY.

OTAGO DISTRICT INSTITUTE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Sawyers' Bay, 5th August, 1906.

I am requested by the Otago Educational Institute to convey to you and your family its deepest sympathy with you all in your recent sad bereavement. Indeed the whole colony has been bereaved.

As Minister of Education, the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon had always the best interest of teachers at heart, and in thus conveying to you our sympathy we also express our sincere appreciation of his untiring efforts in everything that tended to the uplifting of humanity.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

OSCAR D. FLAMANK, Secretary.

OTAKI STATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

15th June, 1906.

I have been requested by the Committee to convey our condolence with you in your irreparable loss of a loving husband and father, and also send you a copy of the resolution passed at our monthly meeting held on Monday, 11th June: "That this school committee desires to place on record its high sense of the distinguished services rendered to the colony by the late Premier, R. J. Seddon, P.C., and respectfully tenders to his widow and family the assurance of its sympathy with them in their irreparable loss."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM WARN, Chairman.

OTIRA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Otira, Westland, 16th June, 1906

On behalf of the Otira School Committee I beg to tender you and your family our sincere sympathy in your great affliction. The Empire has lost a great statesman, and the people a true friend.

Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

W. H. RIDSDALE, Chairman.

PALMERSTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Palmerston North, 29th June, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Palmerston North High School held last evening I was instructed to forward you the following resolution: "That this Board desires to place on record its sense of the great loss sustained by the colony by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister of Education, and begs respectfully to offer its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their bereavement."

I have therefore to convey to you the Board's sincere sympathy in the heavy bereavement you have sustained.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

W. HUNTER, Secretary.

PARKHURST SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Helensville, 19th June, 1906.

THE Parkhurst School Committee have on record their appreciation of the efforts put forth by Mr. Seddon in the cause of education, and express their sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great loss.

JAMES ARCHIBALD, Secretary.

PLEASANT POINT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and family.

Pleasant Point, 20th June, 1906.

THE following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Pleasant Point District High School Committee: "That this Committee and those it represents desire to express their sense at the great loss which the colony has sustained through the death of Mr. Seddon, and tender their deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

J. MAZE, Secretary.

POHUI SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Pohui, 20th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Pohui School Committee and myself, we tender you and your family our sincere sympathy in your irreparable loss.

GEORGE TAIT, Chairman.

PORT CHALMERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MADAM,—

Port Chalmers, 11th July, 1906.

The Port Chalmers School Committee at its last meeting, held on the 5th instant, passed a resolution of deep sympathy with you and the members of your family in your sad bereavement, and placed on record the Committee's high appreciation of the magnificent services of the late Premier to this colony and its people.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

J. M. HARLAND, Secretary.

PUKEKOHE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Pukekohe, Auckland, 20th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the District High School Committee, held on Monday evening, 18th June, the following resolution was carried unanimously, all the members standing: "That the members of the Pukekohe District High School Committee desire to express their profound sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their great bereavement, and sincerely regret the loss of such an ardent educationalist to the State as the late Premier."

With sincerest sympathy,

We remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

J. J. MATHER, Chairman.

J. WALTER JOHNS, Secretary.

RAGLAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

21st June, 1906.

At a special meeting of the Raglan School Committee, held this day, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That this Committee, representing the householders of the Raglan School district, while deeply sensible of the loss the entire colony has sustained by the loss of its Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, desires to express its conviction that the cause of education, which Department the deceased Minister represented in the Administration, has lost a true friend by his demise; also its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

W. J. SMITH, Chairman.

REEFTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

MY DEAR MADAM,—

Reefton, 16th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Reefton High School, held on the 14th instant, I was instructed to forward you a copy of the following resolution: "That this Committee, representing the parents of Reefton and district, deeply deplore the sudden and untimely death of the Premier (Right

Hon. Mr. Seddon), and place on record their appreciation of his untiring efforts on behalf of education ; and tender to Mrs. Seddon and family deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement ; and that this Committee do now adjourn as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Premier."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
E. SCANTLEBURY, Hon. Secretary.

RIVERLEA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

14th June, 1906.

The Riverlea School Committee, in their extraordinary meeting of last night, instructed me to forward to you the following resolution "That this Committee tender their heartfelt sympathy to the widow and children of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon in their sad bereavement, and hope that the universally felt loss of so great a man may be in some measure a consolation to them."

I beg to add, personally and for my wife, our condolence, and to state that although politically always opposed to the late statesman, I always admired his genius and character. May I state, too, that, with the exception of one member of the Committee, all were politically of different opinions, still every one of us were convinced that the right honourable gentleman did till the last his best according to his ideas for this country, and died on the bed of honour.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
A. VOULLAIRE, Chairman.

ROSENEATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Roseneath, 21st July, 1906.

I am instructed by my Committee to convey to yourself and family their heartfelt sympathy on the death of our late Premier and Minister of Education.

He had been very good to us as a Committee on several occasions, and we mourn his loss as one who loses a personal friend.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,
J. SMITH, Secretary.

RUSSELL PUBLIC SCHOOL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, care of Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Russell, 12th June, 1906.

WE, the teachers and scholars of the Russell Public School, recognising the innumerable benefits that the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon while Minister of Education and Premier of New Zealand conferred on education and on us as present and future citizens, respectfully beg to show our acknowledgment of the irreparable loss this colony has sustained by his death, and our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

HEADMASTER, Russell School.

WARDEN, FELLOWS, AND STUDENTS OF SELWYN COLLEGE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Selwyn College, Dunedin, 14th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the warden, fellows, and students of Selwyn College, and the masters and pupils of the Selwyn Collegiate School, Dunedin, I am requested to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family our deep sorrow at the great loss the colony has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, and respectful appreciation of the great services he has rendered to New Zealand and the Empire by his strenuous life of devotion to the common weal, and our sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

R. A. WOODTHORPE, Warden.

SHANNON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

June, 1906.

I beg to inform you that the Shannon School Committee at its meeting last Monday night adjourned for ten minutes out of respect to your late husband, our worthy Premier and friend. My Committee also desire me to convey to you and your family their deepest sympathy in your great trouble. A great man has passed away ; a kind husband, father, and friend has gone to his long rest, and his death is the colony's loss. May God grant you strength of body and fortitude of mind to bear up under your sad bereavement.

Our head teacher, Mr. Voysey, also desires me to add that kindly and sympathetic reference was made in the school to the many good qualities of our late Premier and Minister of Education ; and the teaching staff and children of the school stood in silence whilst according you and yours a heartfelt vote of condolence in the severe trouble that has so unexpectedly fallen upon you and your family.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,
J. W. BATCHELOR, Secretary.

SKIPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Fairlie, South Canterbury, June, 1906.

THE Skipton School Committee wish to place on record their appreciation of the good work done by the late Premier as Minister of Education, and deplore the loss sustained by the Colony of New Zealand by the death of the Hon. Richard John Seddon, and respectfully offer Mrs. Seddon and family their sympathy in their sad bereavement."

WILLIAM DIXON, Chairman.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT INSTITUTE.

MADAM,—

South School, Timaru, 14th July, 1906.

I have the honour to convey to you, on behalf of the members of the South Canterbury District Institute, New Zealand Educational Institute, in annual meeting assembled, on the 7th July, 1906, this motion, which was carried with deep feeling at the meeting: "That this meeting desires to place on record its sense of the irreparable loss sustained by teachers in New Zealand by the death of the late Minister of Education, Mr. R. J. Seddon, that it would bear tribute to his earnest enduring work as Minister of Education; and that members hereby express their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in this their hour of sorrow."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. A. VALENTINE, B.A., President.

NEW ZEALAND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE (SOUTHLAND BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Lumsden, 6th July, 1906.

I have the honour to transmit to you the following resolution passed by the members of the above Institute at their annual meeting, held on Friday, 29th ultimo: "That the Southland Branch of the New Zealand Educational Institute, in annual conference assembled, place on record its deep sense of the national loss sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister of Education, and its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the family in their bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

WM. H. CLARK, Secretary.

SOUTHLAND EDUCATION BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Invercargill, 10th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Southland Board of Education, to transmit for your acceptance the following copy of a resolution having reference to the death of your late husband, the Right Hon. the Premier of New Zealand: "That this Board desires to place on record its keen sense of the loss sustained by the colony and the Empire in the universally lamented death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and also its recognition of the great services which, as Minister of Education, the deceased statesman rendered to the cause for the advancement of which this Board exists, and further, to express its sincere sympathy with his sorrowing wife and family."

I am directed to intimate to you that the resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of this Board—the first since the sad occasion to which it refers—held on Friday last the 6th instant.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JOHN NEILL, Secretary.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PUPILS, PAEROA.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

St. Joseph's School, Paeroa, 21st June, 1906.

We, the Catholic pupils of St. Joseph's School, Paeroa, assemble here to-day to honour the memory of Mr. Seddon.

Dean Hackett spoke to us on Mr. Seddon's boyhood and told us how he regretted having left school at an early age; and how, by perseverance and industry, he worked his way from a poor miner to the position of Premier of New Zealand.

It was with intense regret that we learned of his death.

He was loved by rich and poor, and when acting as Premier he never forgot the old friends of his early days.

New Zealand children have reason to be grateful to him for education, because, were it not for him, they might, like the children of some countries, have been obliged to leave school and go to work when quite young.

Dean Hackett read to us an address which Mr. Seddon delivered to the boys of Riverview College, Sydney, and in it he told them that their first duty was to love God and after this to honour the country where they were born.

We offer you our deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

We are, &c.,

KATE A. LARNEY.
JAMES POLAND.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT SCHOOL, PONSONBY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

HEARTFELT sympathy to you and family in your great loss from the pupils of St. Mary's Convent School, Ponsonby, Auckland.

SISTERS OF MERCY.

STRATFORD TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

MADAM,—

22nd June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Committee held on the 20th the following resolution was passed, and I was instructed to forward it to you: "That this Committee desires to place on record its appreciation

of the great work done by the late Premier as Minister of Education for the welfare of the masses, and offers its sincere condolence to his wife and family in the irreparable loss suffered by them and the nation."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

T. HARRY PENN, Secretary.

TAURANGA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Tauranga, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Tauranga School Committee I beg to forward you the following resolution: "The Committee deeply deplore the sudden removal by death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Minister of Education, and tender heartfelt sympathy to his widow and family."

In this dark hour of sorrow it will be a solace to your stricken soul to know that the great heart of New Zealand throbs in sympathy with yours.

With profound regret at your irreparable loss, and ours—

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

ROBERT BADGER, Secretary.

TEMPLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Templeton, 12th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Templeton School Committee to convey to you the following resolution, viz: "That this Committee desires to place on record its great sorrow at the loss the colony has sustained by the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and expresses deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

GEO. P. KISSEL, Chairman.

TARANAKI EDUCATION BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

New Plymouth, 29th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board, to forward you a copy of a resolution carried at the meeting held on the 26th instant: "That this Board desires to place on record its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family on the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Premier and Minister of Education, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon and to the Minister of Education."

Please also accept for yourself and your family the sincere sympathy of each of the members of the office staff and the assurance of the respect held for your late husband, our respected chief.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

P. T. WHITCOMBE, Secretary.

TE AROHA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Te Aroha, 28th July, 1906.

At last meeting of the Te Aroha School Committee a resolution was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be placed on record, expressive of the Committee's deep regret at the loss sustained by the colony in general and the cause of popular education in particular through the lamented death of the late Premier and Minister of Education, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also respectfully tendering the sincere sympathy of members of the Committee with you and the members of your family in the great loss you have sustained.

I was directed to convey these sentiments to you.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

W. HILL, Hon. Secretary.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE TEMUKA TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Temuka, 4th July, 1906.

At the last meeting of the Board of Managers of the Temuka Technical Classes Association I was instructed to respectfully convey the following resolution to you: "That this Board sincerely regrets the great loss sustained by the colony through the untimely death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, who, as Minister of Education, did such great service in the encouragement of educational progress throughout New Zealand; and, further, this Board desires to express to the members of the late statesman's family its sympathy in their sudden bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

ALF. A. HINTZ, Director.

TURAKINA PRESBYTERIAN MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Maori Girls' School, Turakina, 18th June, 1906.

Kindly accept the deepest sympathy of the girls of the Turakina Presbyterian Maori Girls' School. We are very sorry to hear of his sudden death, as it is a great loss to the New-Zealanders, both Europeans and Maoris. It is only last year since he came here to open our school, and we have not forgotten his kindness in so doing. May God bless you and your family in your sad bereavement is our heartfelt prayer.

Mrs. Seddon.

TURANGARERE SCHOOL CHILDREN.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Turangarere, 15th June, 1906.

The children of the Turangarere School send their loving sympathy to you and your family on the loss of our well-beloved Premier.

EMMA ROSS, for School Children.

VICTORIA COLLEGE COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Victoria College, Registrar's Office, 23rd June, 1906.

By direction of the College Council, I enclose a copy of a resolution passed at its meeting on the 20th instant, and at the same time to offer to you and your family their sympathy in your great bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

CHARLES POWLES, Registrar.

(Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Victoria College Council held on 20th June, 1906.)

Resolved, "That the Council record its deep sense of sorrow at the death of the late Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, and place on record its appreciation of the services he has rendered not only to the Victoria College, but to higher education and to education generally throughout the colony."

WAIHI DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Waihi, Upper Thames, Auckland, 21st June, 1906.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Waihi District High School Committee, I now convey the assurance of their profound sympathy with you and your family in the loss you have sustained by Mr. Seddon's death. The loss to the country he loved so well is great, and we realise how intense must be your own suffering.

Trusting that God will give you strength in the hour of need,

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

JOHN HENDERSON, Secretary.

WAIPUKURAU SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Waipukurau, 30th June, 1906.

On behalf of the School Committee of Waipukurau, I send you the following resolution passed at our meeting here recently: "That this meeting of the Committee of the Waipukurau School record its appreciation of Mr. Seddon's services to New Zealand, and express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

P. Gow, Chairman.

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL (HOUSE OF COMMONS).

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 29th June, 1906.

I am forwarding to you the motion, relative to the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, that was carried at the last meeting of the House of Commons (the junior debating society of this school). The motion was spoken to by several members and carried, all standing.

In conveying this motion may I express my own deep sympathy with you and your family. In his example of a strenuous and energetic life Mr. Seddon has left us all a legacy.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

H. B. WATSON, Speaker,
House of Commons, Collegiate School, Wanganui.

The Premier (Hon. P. Stevens), member for Lake Road, moved, "That the members of this House desire to place on record their sense of the loss the colony has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon; that all deplore the loss of one of great qualities as a man, a statesman, an Englishman; and that the Hon. the Speaker be requested to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family their sincere sympathy with them in their sore affliction." Seconded by Hon. Esmond Napier, member for Waitemata, Leader of the Opposition. Motion spoken to by the members for Stratford, Dunedin, Waituna, and the Speaker. Carried unanimously, all standing.

WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Oamaru, 27th June, 1906.

By direct on of the Waitaki High School Board I have the honour of forwarding herewith a copy of a resolution passed by the Board at a meeting held to-day.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

R. MCKINNON, Secretary.

"The Waitaki High School Board of Governors records its deep sorrow at the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and its appreciation of the great services he has rendered to the colony. In particular this Board desires to place on record its sense of his great work as Minister of Education in greatly improving our education system generally, and particularly in providing that every pupil in the colony can easily secure a secondary education in our high schools free of charge; and also in providing by a superannuation scheme a retiring-allowance to our teachers in their old age. The Board desires to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sore bereavement."

WELLINGTON COLLEGE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington College, 13th June, 1906.

Sometimes words seem but poor instruments with which to express the feelings. They seem so to me now. But, on behalf of this school and all connected with it, I wish to express to you and to all the members of your family the most heartfelt sympathy in your loss and grief, and the greatest admiration for your beloved husband. His very greatness would make it unseemly for me to attempt any eulogy of him, and I venture to hope that the greatness of the loss is, in a sense, a consolation; for, as Arnold sings,

He thou lovest slept
Dead on thy bosom yesterday: to-day
Thou knowest the whole wide world
Weeps with thy woe:
The grief which all hearts share
Grows less for one.

With my warmest and kindest regards and best wishes—

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

J. P. FIRTH.

WELLINGTON WOMEN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

9, Fitzherbert Terrace, 20th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Wellington Women Teachers' Association to convey to you their sincere sympathy with yourself and family in your deep sorrow and irreparable loss. To them, as to all women, he ever proved himself a warm and sympathetic friend, by whose means many great and lasting benefits were conferred on them. When time, the great healer, has dulled the keen edge of your grief, the thoughts of the many blessings mankind will owe to him whom every one is now mourning must prove a great consolation to you and your dear ones.

In sincere sympathy,

I am, &c.,

PHOEBE MYERS, Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

WEST CHRISTCHURCH EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT.

DEAR MADAM,—

15th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Committee of the District High School, to forward to you a copy of a resolution passed at their meeting on the 13th instant as follows: "This Committee desires to express its deep sense of grief at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Minister of Education, and sincerely condoles with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

Yours, &c.,

A. P. FARROW, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

WESTLAND EDUCATION BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hokitika, 16th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept from members Westland Education Board their heartfelt sympathy and condolence. It will perhaps be no little comfort to you in your deep sorrow to know that all are mourning with you the loss of Westland's best friend.

T. W. BEARE, Chairman.

THE WESTLAND DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

49 Ellice Street, Wellington, 19th June, 1906.

The Westland District Institute (Educational) at a meeting held in Hokitika on Saturday last passed a resolution of deepest sympathy with you all in your inexpressible sorrow, and asked me to convey the same to you.

Words fail to express the grief felt by the teachers of the colony in general, and of Westland in particular, in the loss of such a true, loyal friend. The many reforms he has brought in education, his large-hearted sympathy with the teachers, and last but by no means least—for was it not this that lured him on?—his intense love for the children will ever cause his name to be held in loving remembrance by the people of New Zealand, but nowhere with an affection so deep and strong as by the people of Westland—a spot ever dear to him.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS H GILL.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

WESTLAND TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hokitika, 13th June, 1906.

THE members, Westland Teachers Institute, tender their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in sad bereavement.

DOROTHY MOORE, Secretary.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF WESTLAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Education Office, Hokitika, 10th July, 1906.

I beg to inform you that at the quarterly meeting of the School Commissioners of Westland, the following resolution was passed: "That a record be entered in the minutes of the extreme regret

of the Commissioners on the occasion of the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand and Minister of Education; also of their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family."

I venture as their officer to add an expression of my accord with the sentiments of the Commissioners in connection with so sad an event.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

A. J. WORTON, Secretary.

WEST LYTTTELTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

West Lyttelton School, 3rd July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Committee of the above school, to forward you our most sincere sympathy in the loss you and your family, as well as the whole colony, have sustained in the death of the late Premier and Minister of Education, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D.

We feel that, although Mr. Seddon has been removed, his work will live, and his memory will be ever fresh and respected by the many who have learnt as the years rolled by to value his great worth.

That you and yours may be comforted by the universal sympathy shown is the sincere wish of our Committee.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, "The Residence," Wellington.

E. ELIOT CHAMBERS, Hon. Secretary.

WHANGAREI DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Whangarei, 12th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Committee I beg to tender our deepest sympathy in the loss we have all sustained.

C. CLARK-WALKER, Chairman.

YALDHURST LADIES' SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Yaldhurst, 24th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Yaldhurst Ladies' School Committee I have to tender their very deep sympathy. Mr. Seddon was such a friend to the women of the colony that we cannot but feel his loss very deeply.

With deepest sympathy,

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

MAY MAGINNESS, Secretary.

PROFESSORIAL BOARD, VICTORIA COLLEGE.

DEAR MISS SEDDON,—

Victoria College, Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Professorial Board of Victoria College to convey to you their deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and all your family in the loss which is so great to us all, and especially terrible to those nearest to the late Mr. Seddon.

We have always been conscious of the kindly feeling which your lamented father cherished towards Victoria College, and have felt deeply grateful to him for his unfailing interest in the College, and for the liberality with which he has treated it in his capacity as head of the Government.

We feel that our College has lost a firm and true friend, who has always loyally supported and fostered the cause of education generally throughout New Zealand. But at this moment we desire especially to convey to his family our sympathy with them at this time of their deep affliction.

I am, &c.,

Miss Seddon, Wellington.

VON ZEDLITZ, Chairman.

WANGANUI TEACHERS.

DEAR SIR,—

District High School, Wanganui, 18th June, 1906.

Your noble father took such a living interest in all that concerned education—schools, teachers, and pupils—that his death creates a blank which will be difficult to fill.

Will you kindly convey to your sorrowing mother the deep sympathy of the Wanganui teachers in this sad hour.

Yours, &c.,

Captain R. J. Seddon.

JAMES AITKEN, President,

District Institute, N.Z.E.I.

NELSON COLLEGE.

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Nelson, 11th June, 1906.

STAFF and students of Nelson College beg to tender to you their heartfelt sympathy in hour of your great bereavement, and to express their sorrowful realisation that in death of your father the cause of New Zealand democratic education has lost its greatest supporter.

FOWLER, Principal.

WESTLAND EDUCATION BOARD.

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Hokitika, 12th June, 1906.

MEMBERS and staff of Westland Education Board extend their deepest sympathy and condolence in your bereavement, and express their great grief at your irreparable loss.

T. W. BEANE, Chairman,

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

ALBANY STREET SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Dunedin, 23rd June, 1906.

On behalf of the Albany Street School Committee I have the honour to forward you, and to ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon, the following resolution of sympathy and appreciation of the late Right Hon. Mr. Seddon passed at a recent meeting of the Committee, viz: "The Albany Street School Committee learns with the most profound regret of the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Minister of Education, and desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy with them in the great and irreparable loss they have sustained; also, that the Committee places on record its admiration for the splendid statesmanlike qualities that characterized Mr. Seddon's labours for the welfare of this colony, and especially for the keen interest he invariably displayed in all matters that contributed to the educational advancement of the rising generation."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

ALEX. DEMPSTER, Clerk.

ARATAPU SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Aratapu, 14th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Aratapu School Committee I tender our sincere sympathies in our terrible loss through the death of our beloved Premier.

THOMAS NEILD, Chairman.

ASHBURTON HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

SIR,—

Ashburton, 6th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of this Board, to ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon the following resolution passed by it at its last meeting: "The Board desires to place on record its sorrow at the unexpected death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister of Education, and assures Mrs. Seddon and family of its deep sympathy in their sad bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

JOHN DAVIDSON, Secretary.

CHAIRMAN OF AUROA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auroa, 12th June, 1906.

The news of Mr. Seddon's sudden end is most distressing. Have just addressed the school-children, saluted the flag, and lowered to half-mast. Dismissed children for the day and requested them to attend day of funeral with black bands on arm.

REV. J. MCNEILL, Chairman.

BLACKS SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Ophir, 25th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Blacks School Committee, held in the school, Ophir, on Saturday evening, the 23rd instant, it was resolved, "That the Committee desires to place on record its profound regret for the great loss sustained by the Colony of New Zealand in the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon; also to place on record our high appreciation of the services rendered by the late statesman to the cause of education, and to extend to the widow and family our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sadness."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

BRYAN FLANNERY, Chairman.

BUCKLAND SCHOOL-CHILDREN AND RESIDENTS.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Buckland, 21st June, 1906.

BUCKLAND school-children and residents assembled send sincere sympathy to widow and family of late Premier.

ALLEN, Chairman.

COBDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Cobden, 26th June, 1906.

The Cobden School Committee desire me to convey to you the following resolution passed at its last meeting: "That the Committee place on record its appreciation of the good work performed by the late Hon. R. J. Seddon in the cause of education."

I am to kindly ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the Committee's sincerest sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

L. D. WILLIAMS, Hon. Secretary.

DUNROBIN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Dunrobin, 19th July, 1906.

Would you be kind enough to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the following motion from the Dunrobin School Committee: "That the Dunrobin School Committee shares in the general mourning throughout the colony over the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier and Minister of Education, and respectfully offers its true sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

A. G. MCKENZIE, Secretary.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Ellerslie, Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

I am desired by my Committee to forward the enclosed communication for Mrs. Seddon, through you, with the request that you will kindly hand same to her at your convenience.

I have, &c.,

THOS. N. PEEK, Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. the Premier, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

DEAR MADAM,—

Ellerslie, Auckland, 15th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Ellerslie School Committee to transmit to you the following resolution, passed in silence at a meeting of the Committee, held on Tuesday last, 12th instant:—

Resolved, "That this meeting of the Ellerslie School Committee desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the Empire, and particularly the Colony of New Zealand, by the death of its distinguished statesman and Prime Minister, the late Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, who, as Minister of Education, achieved so much for the betterment of the teaching profession and the promotion of true education in the colony; and offers its sincere condolence to his sorrowing widow and family in their bereavement and affliction."

I have, &c.,

THOS. N. PEEK,

Hon. Secretary, Ellerslie School Committee.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

GEORGE STREET SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Dunedin, 16th June, 1906.
The George Street School Committee desire to express their sincere regret at the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., Minister of Education, and request that you would be good enough to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy with them in their bereavement.

ROBERT JONES, Chairman.

GREY EDUCATION BOARD.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Greymouth, 12th June, 1906.

At the regular meeting of the Grey Education Board, held on the 11th instant, the following resolution was carried in silence, all the members standing: "That this Board expresses its profound grief and regret at the loss sustained by the colony through the lamentable death of the Prime Minister, the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon; that the heartfelt sympathy of the members be tendered to his noble wife in her calamity, and they pray the Almighty to sustain and comfort the relatives in their hour of affliction." The Board then adjourned.

C. F. DANIEL, Secretary.

HAWKE'S BAY EDUCATION BOARD.

SIR,—

Napier, 6th July, 1906.

I am directed by the Hawke's Bay Education Board to forward to you the enclosed resolution which was passed by the Board at its meeting on the 3rd July, and to ask you to be kind enough to send it to Mrs. Seddon: "That this Board expresses its deep sense of the loss sustained by this country and the Empire in the lamented death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desires to convey to his widow and family its deepest sympathy and condolence."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

G. CRAWSHAW, Secretary.

HERIOT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Heriot, 13th July, 1906.

At a meeting of the Heriot School Committee, held last Saturday evening, I was directed to convey, through you, the following resolution: "That this Committee deplores the loss the colony has sustained by the untimely death of our late beloved Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and expresses its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

EDWARD OTTREY, Secretary.

KAMO SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Kamo, 16th June, 1906.

THE Kamo School Committee, teachers, and scholars tender sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great and sudden bereavement.

J. E. ROBERTS, Chairman.

KARANGAHAKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Karangahake, 19th June, 1906.

MEMBERS Karangahake School Committee beg to tender expression of deepest sympathy to family late Premier.

T. P. HERON, Chairman.

L. IZOD, Secretary.

KERERU SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Kereru, 14th June, 1906.

Will you kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the unanimous heartfelt sympathy of our Kereru School Committee in their sad bereavement. Enclosed also is a resolution from our school-children expressing their sorrow. We all feel the loss keenly.

Yours, &c.,

Mr. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

S. A. BROADBENT, Chairman.

(Copy of Resolution.)

On the receipt of the sad news of Mr Seddon's death, the following proposal was unanimously carried by the children of the Kereru School: "The children of the Kereru School wish to express their sorrow at hearing of the death of the late Mr. Seddon, and to sympathize with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their great bereavement."

W. H. CLARK, Head Teacher.

LAWRENCE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Lawrence, 16th June, 1906.

THE Committee and staff of the Lawrence District High School express their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sore bereavement.

JOHN NORRIE, Chairman.

HOUSEHOLDERS OF MALVERN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

DEAR SIR,—

Waddington, 18th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the householders of the Malvern School district to forward you the following resolution: "That this meeting of householders desire to express their sorrow for the death of the Minister of Education; and that you convey to Mrs. Seddon their deepest sympathy with herself and the members of her family in their irreparable loss."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier.

DAVID McMILLAN, Chairman.

MARTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Marton, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to convey to you the subjoined copy of a resolution passed by this Committee last evening, viz.: "That the Marton School Committee desires to place on record its sense of the loss the colony has sustained in the untimely death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and wishes to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement"

I have, &c.,

Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

HAROLD RICHARDSON, Hon. Secretary.

MASTERTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Masterton, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Masterton District High School Committee, to convey to you a copy of a resolution passed by my Committee prior to adjourning its meeting yesterday as a mark of respect to the late Minister of Education. May I be permitted to add an expression of my own sorrow for the loss we have sustained: "That the Masterton District High School Committee deeply deplores the great loss sustained by the colony and the Empire through the untimely death of the Right Hon. the Premier, Richard John Seddon, and offers its warmest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and the bereaved family in their heavy affliction."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

W. M. EASTHOPE, Secretary.

MILLBURN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

June, 1906.

THE Millburn School Committee expresses extreme regret at the lamentable death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and conveys its deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

P. WILLIAMSON, Clerk.

MORNINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 19th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Mornington School Committee we wish to express, through you, to Mrs. Seddon and family their deepest sympathy in the sad loss of husband and father, also the great loss to the colony and to the cause of education.

As a mark of esteem the Committee adjourned their meeting after passing this resolution, and ordered the school to close on Thursday, the 21st, the day of the funeral of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon.

We remain, &c.,

JOHN HOPE, Chairman.

DONALD HENDERSON, Secretary.

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Premier.

MOSGIEL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Mosgiel, 28th June, 1906.

The Committee of the Mosgiel District High School record their profound regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and their appreciation of the great service he has rendered to this colony. In particular they wish to express their high sense of the many valuable services he has rendered as Minister of Education. The Committee also express their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sore bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

J. OLIVER, Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Prime Minister.

MOTUEKA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Motueka, 12th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon the heartfelt sympathy of Motueka School Committee in her irreparable loss. We deeply deplore the death of our Premier and Minister of Education.

E. A. KNAPP, Chairman.

GOVERNORS OF THE NAPIER HIGH SCHOOL.

The Acting-Premier.

Napier, 14th June, 1906.

THE Governors of Napier High School convey their expression of deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family over the death of Mr. Seddon, and also convey to the Acting-Premier their deep regret at the great loss to the country of an able administrator, and (especially as becomes the Board) of an earnest Minister of Education, in the removal of the Premier. In name of the Board,

T. C. MOORE, M.D., Chairman.

NAPIER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Napier, 13th June, 1906.

I have been directed by the Napier School Committee to express to yourself and members of Parliament, also to Mrs. Seddon and family, its deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister of Education.

During his long tenure of office he ever had in view the welfare of the people; and one of the great results of his work as Minister of Education was to bring secondary education within the reach of all, and he also greatly increased the facilities for enabling School Committees to carry on their work more successfully.

This Committee deeply mourn the loss of one who was so essentially a man of and for the people of the land he loved so well; and I am directed to request that you will kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deep expressions of sympathy and condolence in their great bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

CHAS. H. EDWARDS (per G.B.), Chairman.

The Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

TOWN SCHOOLS' COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Nelson, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour of informing you that at their monthly meeting, held on the 18th instant, the following resolution was passed by the Committee: "That this Committee desire to place on record their deep sense of the very great loss sustained by the colony in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and to record their high appreciation of the eminent services rendered by him to the colony, and especially to the cause of education. The Committee desire further to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family their profound sympathy with them in their great sorrow."

I have, &c.,

J. P. KEMPTHORNE, Chairman.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Prime Minister of New Zealand, Wellington.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS OF NELSON COLLEGE.

SIR,—

Nelson, 11th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council of Governors of Nelson College, to convey to you the following resolution of that body: "The members of the Council of Governors of Nelson College, on the occasion of their first meeting after hearing of the loss which the colony has suffered through the death of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, resolve to set on record their deep sorrow at the sad event, their appreciation of the great services which have been rendered to the country by the late statesman, and their great sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their irreparable loss. They further resolve that a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Hon. William Hall-Jones, with a request that he will convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the sympathy of the Governors of Nelson College."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JAMES BLAIR, Secretary.

NEW BRIGHTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

New Brighton School, 16th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the above Committee, held on the 13th instant, a resolution of sorrow and sympathy for the death of the late Premier was passed, and I was directed to forward a copy to you. I accordingly beg to enclose copy.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. PAUL, Secretary.

(Copy of Resolution.)

"That this Committee desires to place on record its heartfelt sorrow on hearing the news of the sudden death of the Premier, and also its high appreciation of his services in the cause of education, and wishes to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great loss."

NEW PLYMOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the above Committee, to forward copy of the following resolution passed at a meeting held on the 18th instant, and request that you will be kind enough to transmit same to Mrs. Seddon: "That the New Plymouth Central District School Committee regret the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand and Minister of Education, and wish to place on record their keen appreciation of his efforts on behalf of education during his long term of office. The Committee also desire to express sincere condolence with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

C. T. MILLS, Secretary.

WEST END SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

HONOURED SIR,—

New Plymouth, 15th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Committee of the West End School, the following resolution was unanimously carried, and I was instructed to forward copy of same on to you: "That the West End School Committee desires to express its profound regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of the colony, and expresses its sense of the great loss his removal will occasion the whole colony. As Minister of Education, the late Prime Minister ever displayed the keenest interest in the welfare of the children of this colony. The Committee further expresses to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family its deepest sympathy with them in their sudden and irreparable loss."

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Prime Minister, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

V. J. W. HURLE, Secretary.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

New Plymouth, 19th June, 1906.

The Board of Governors of the New Plymouth High School desires to express its profound sense of sorrow at the irreparable loss which has befallen the Empire, and this colony in particular, by the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand and Minister of Education, who during his long and distinguished career ever displayed the deepest interest in the welfare of the children of the colony. The Board expresses its appreciation of his life-work; extends to the widow and family heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of trial and affliction; and appoints Messrs. Edward Dockrill and Daniel Berry, members of the Board, to represent the Governors at the funeral of the deceased statesman.

N. K. MACDIARMID, Chairman.

NGAIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Ngaire, Taranaki, 15th June, 1906.

At the ordinary meeting of the Ngaire School Committee held last evening, all the members being present, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this Committee desires to place on record its deep sense of loss through the death of the late Premier, who was also Minister of Education, and tenders its sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family."

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

FRANK NORTON, Secretary and Treasurer.

NIREAHA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)
Premier's Office, Wellington. Nireaha, 21st June, 1906.
NIREAHA School Committee wishes you to convey to Mrs. Seddon their sympathy in her great bereavement. C. ALBERTSEN.

NORTH CANTERBURY EDUCATION BOARD.

(Telegram.)
The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Christchurch, 13th June, 1906.
THE members of the North Canterbury Education Board desire to express their profound regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand and Minister of Education, by which the colony has suffered an irreparable loss; also to express their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement. JOHN RENNIE, Chairman.

NORTH CANTERBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,— Christchurch, 13th June, 1906.
The executive of the North Canterbury School Committee Association desire you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family sincere expressions of sympathy and condolence for the sad loss they and the colony have sustained. Yours, &c.,
The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. J. SPILLER, President.

WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

SIR,— Oamaru, 27th June, 1906.
I have the honour of forwarding herewith a copy of a resolution passed by the Waitaki High School Board at a meeting held this morning, and to ask that you will be good enough to hand the enclosed letter to Mrs. Seddon. I have, &c.,
The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington. A. MCKINNON, Secretary.

“The Waitaki High School Board of Governors records its deep sorrow at the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and its appreciation of the great services he has rendered to the colony. In particular this Board desires to place on record its sense of his great work as Minister of Education in greatly improving our education system generally, and particularly in providing that every pupil in the colony can easily secure a secondary education in our high schools free of charge; and also in providing, by a superannuation scheme, a retiring-allowance to our teachers in their old age. The Board desires to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sore bereavement.”

OHAKEA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,— Ohakea, 14th June, 1906.
The Ohakea School Committee desire to express through you their most sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their very sad bereavement. All hearts here are sore, and mourn with them the great and irreparable loss they have sustained. Yours, &c.,
The Hon. W. Hall-Jones. J. ALEX. BAILEY, Chairman.

OMAHU SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)
The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Fernhill, 11th June, 1906.
CONVEY Ministry deep regret sudden demise father of the colony. Kindly convey deepest sympathy with sorrowing widow and family. Yours faithfully,
S. HORSFORD, Secretary.

OTAGO EDUCATION BOARD.

SIR,— Education Office, Dunedin, 23rd June, 1906.
By direction of the Otago Education Board I have the honour to request you to be good enough to forward to Mrs. Seddon the enclosed copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at its last meeting. I have, &c.,
The Hon. the Premier. O. PRYDE, Secretary.

(Copy of Resolution adopted by the Board at its Meeting on 20th June, 1906.)

“The Education Board of the District of Otago records its profound sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and its appreciation of the great services he has rendered to the colony. In particular the Board desires to express its appreciation of the great work he has done as Minister of Education—in vastly improving the conditions of primary education, in affording to all the pupils in the colony an opportunity of obtaining secondary education at our high schools free of charge, and in amplifying the means for the training of teachers. The Board wishes also to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sore bereavement.”

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF OTAGO.

SIR,—

Education Reserves Office, Dunedin, 19th June, 1906.

It is my sad duty to forward the following resolution, which was unanimously passed by the School Commissioners for the Otago Provincial District at their meeting to-day, prior to an adjournment out of respect to the memory of the late Premier, and to ask you to convey the same to his widow and family: It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. MacGibbon, "That the meeting of the School Commissioners of Otago do now adjourn until 10 o'clock to-day, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister of Education; and that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family in their sad bereavement; also that the Hon. Mr. Feldwick, one of their number, be asked to represent the School Commissioners of Otago at the funeral of the late statesman."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

WILLIAM DALLAS, Chairman.

COUNCIL OF THE OTAGO UNIVERSITY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Dunedin, 13th June, 1906.

At a meeting of University Council held this day the following resolution was passed: "That the Council of the Otago University are deeply grieved at the tragic event which has so suddenly deprived the nation of a great statesman and New Zealand of a sympathetic Minister of Education; and the Council earnestly sympathizes with the widow and family in their bereavement."

JAMES ALLEN, Vice-Chancellor.

PANGATOTARA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Motueka, 18th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our sincere sympathy.

H. HAYCOCK, Chairman.

PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Parnell, Auckland, 19th June, 1906.

At the regular monthly meeting of the above Committee it was decided to forward the following resolution to Mrs. Seddon and family: "That this Committee desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss to this colony by the death of its greatest citizen, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, who has done so much for the advancement of the cause of education in his capacity as Minister of that Department; and, further, that we tender our sincere sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in this the hour of great grief. And that the school observe the day of the funeral as one of mourning by being strictly closed for the whole day."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Hall-Jones.

W. THOMAS, Chairman.

PETONE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

HONOURED SIR,—

June, 1906.

I have been instructed to forward the following resolution to you, a copy of which has been sent to Mrs. Seddon: "That the Petone School Committee, at its monthly meeting, desires to place on record its sense of the great loss the colony has sustained in the sudden death of the late Premier, Mr. Seddon; and it desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family its deepest sympathy and condolence in their great sorrow."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

W. G. D. EVANS, Hon. Secretary.

PORT CHALMERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 11th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Port Chalmers School Committee, to convey to you the Committee's deep sense of the great loss the Government and people of this colony have suffered by the death of the late lamented Premier, the Hon. Richard John Seddon.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

JOHN M. HARLAND, Secretary.

PREBBLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Prebbleton, 5th July, 1906.

At the Prebbleton School Committee meeting, held on the 3rd July, a motion was passed regretting the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Minister of Education, and expressing deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

THOMAS GABBATIS, Chairman.

RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

HONOURED SIR,—

Rangiora High School Board, 15th June, 1906.

Permit me, on behalf of the Rangiora High School Board, to condole with Mrs. Seddon and yourself in the irreparable affliction our colony has to bear through the demise of our well-beloved Premier, the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. His prescience, his patriarchal sympathy, and his endeavours for the general well-being are universally admitted; and, as one who could see his wise and sympathetic efforts to aid the young and help the world of to-morrow while Minister of Education, I beg to forward this slight but fervent tribute to the memory of a great and good statesman.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

ROBERT BALL, Chairman.

RICHMOND SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 22nd June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Richmond School Committee, held last Wednesday, the following resolution was unanimously passed, which I am directed to forward to you. The Committee will be glad if you will kindly pass same on to Mrs. Seddon: "That this Committee desires to place on record its profound regret at the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the Premier and also Minister of Education of the colony, and its sense of the great loss the colony has thereby sustained; and expresses its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

J. H. FLESHER, Chairman.

EDUCATION BOARD AND HIGH SCHOOLS BOARD, SOUTHLAND.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Invercargill, 13th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Southland Education Board and the Southland High Schools Board, I wish to express the profound sorrow and regret occasioned by the Premier's tragically sudden death. On their behalf I desire you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family an expression of their sympathy.

W. MACALISTER, Chairman.

SOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Enwood, South Invercargill, 22nd June, 1906.

I am directed by the South School Committee to forward you copy of the following resolution passed at last meeting, viz.: "That this Committee desires to express its profound regret at the great loss the colony has sustained through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand and Minister of Education, and also to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy with them in their bereavement. His statesmanlike and genial qualities have endeared his name to all classes, and his warm interest and influence in matters educational and the general welfare of the country will ever serve to help to keep in remembrance one of the foremost politicians of the British Empire."

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, Secretary.

ST. ALBANS SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

St. Albans, June, 1906.

At the ordinary meeting of the St. Albans School Committee, held last evening, I was directed to forward to you a resolution of sympathy passed to the Government in the loss of its chief, who was also the head of our Department, and a man whom we all recognised as being deeply interested in the cause of education. I was also instructed to ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family the deep sorrow felt for her in her sad bereavement.

I am, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

S. FAULKNER, Secretary.

ST. CLAIR SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

St. Clair, Dunedin, 28th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Committee of the St. Clair School, Dunedin, to forward you a copy of the following resolution, with a request that you will be kind enough to oblige the Committee by sending it on to Mrs. Seddon: "That this Committee shares in the general mourning throughout the colony over the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister of Education, and respectfully offers its true sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and her family."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

CLERK.

STRATFORD HIGH-SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Stratford, 20th June, 1906.

STRATFORD High-school teachers and scholars mourn the loss of our beloved Premier.

SOLE, Chairman of Committee.

STAFF AND CHILDREN OF SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Summer, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family sympathy of staff and children of School for Deaf.

STEVENS.

TEACHERS, PUPILS, AND RESIDENTS OF TAERUA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Taerua, 12th June, 1906.

TEACHERS, pupils, and people deplore the death of Mr. Seddon.

DALY, Headmaster, Public School.

TARADALE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Taradale, 16th June, 1906.

FROM Taradale School Committee.—HON. SIR,—Accept the expressions of our keen sorrow at the overwhelming loss the nation has sustained. The untimely death of the great leader has left an inheritance, a policy, and an unsurpassed example of broad humanity which marks him as one of the benefactors of men. Convey to Mrs. Seddon the expression of our deepest sympathy in her grief.

GEORGE RIDLEY, Secretary.

TARANAKI EDUCATION BOARD.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 29th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board, to forward you a copy of a resolution carried at the meeting held on the 26th instant: "That this Board desires to place on record its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family on the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Premier and Minister of Education, and its appreciation of those Acts that have been passed for the benefit of education; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon and to the Acting Minister of Education."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Acting Minister of Education, Wellington.

P. S. WHITCOMBE, Secretary.

TARANAKI TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Opunake, 15th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the sincere sympathy of the Taranaki teachers.

ALFRED GREY, Hon. Secretary.

TE MATA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Te Mata, 14th June, 1906.

At the meeting of the Te Mata School Committee held to-day I was instructed to forward the following resolution: "That the Committee expresses its great regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and also its sense of the great loss the Government has suffered by the decease of such a great statesman of the Empire. Education and the colony's children have lost their best friend. The Committee further expresses to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family its deepest sympathy with them in their irreparable loss."

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

W. MORGAN DANHARD, Chairman.

TEMUKA TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—

Temuka, 4th July, 1906.

At the last meeting of the Board of Managers of the Temuka Technical Classes Association I was instructed to respectfully convey the following resolution to you: "That this Board sincerely regrets the great loss sustained by the colony through the untimely death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, who, as Minister of Education, did such great service in the encouragement of educational progress throughout New Zealand; and, further, this Board desires to express to the members of the late statesman's family its sympathy in their sudden bereavement."

I am, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

ALF. A. HINTZ, Director.

MAORI SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CHILDREN, AROWHENUA PA, TEMUKA.

DEAR SIR,—

June, 1906.

Please convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our very deepest sympathy and regret in their sad bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. Acting Minister of Education, Wellington.

FRANCIS BARRETT, Chairman.

NEW ZEALAND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Timaru, 12th June, 1906.

MEMBERS of New Zealand Educational Institute would express their sorrow caused by death of Mr. Seddon, a true friend of education and of teachers.

J. A. VALENTINE, President.

TIMARU HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

SIR,—

Timaru, 22nd June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Timaru High School Board, to inform you that the Board passed a resolution at its last meeting expressing its profound regret at the loss to the colony and the nation through the lamented death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister of Education.

The Board wishes to convey through you to the bereaved family the Board's sincere sympathy at their very great loss.

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

A. BELL, Secretary.

TIMARU SOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Timaru, 3rd July, 1906.

I am directed by the Timaru South School Committee to request you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the following resolution passed at their meeting on the 2nd July, 1906, viz.: "That this Committee places on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the country and to the cause of education by the late Hon. R. J. Seddon, and that we convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our sympathy in their recent sad bereavement."

Thanking you in anticipation.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier.

ALEX. FRASER, Hon. Secretary.

TI-TREE POINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Ti-tree Point, 21st June, 1906.

I beg to inform you that the Ti-tree Point School Committee passed the following resolution for transmission to Mrs. Seddon and family: "We, the members of this Committee, wish to tender our sincere sympathy to the sorrowing widow and family of the late Premier, deeply regretting the irreparable loss the colony has sustained through his sudden and untimely death. No act of goodness was too small for him to tender; no effort too great for his undertaking; his great work for this colony in the Empire will ever cause his name to be revered as a valiant Premier."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

E. FRANKLIN, Secretary.

TOWAI SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Minister Public Works, Wellington.

Towai, 12th June, 1906.

HEARTFELT sympathy in loss of friend and chief.

J. R. LAMBERT, Chairman.

WAIKOUAITI SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Waikouaiti, 18th June, 1906.

The Committee regret to hear of the death of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon, Minister of Education; and tender their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, Chairman.

WAIHOU SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MOST HONOURED SIR,—

"Gowan Lea," Waihou, 28th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Waihou School Committee to communicate to you the following resolution, which was passed at their monthly meeting, held at Waihou on the evening of the 27th June, 1906: "That this Committee has learned with deep sorrow and regret of the untimely end of our dearly loved and highly respected Premier, R. J. Seddon, and fully recognises the great loss this colony has sustained as a whole; and, further, we are of the unanimous opinion that education as a whole has lost its right arm, which we consider is a loss almost irreparable. As Minister of Education, Mr. Seddon spared no time nor energy in working it up to the state of efficiency which it attains at the present day, and which will last for years to come and stand as one of the monuments of his many good works." My Committee requests that the following be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon: "That this Committee deeply mourns with herself and family in their sad and heartrending bereavement."

I have, &c.,

W. R. JOHNSON, Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

SIR,—

Waimate, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Waimate High School Board, to forward to you copy of resolution unanimously passed at meeting of the Board on the 19th instant, viz.: "That this Board desires to place on record its appreciation of the high qualities of statesmanlike ability, foresight, and devotion to public duty displayed by our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desires to express its respectful and sincere sympathy with the bereaved wife and family."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

Yours, &c.,

G. H. GRAHAM, Secretary.

WAIOKARAKA DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Thames, 16th June, 1906.

COMMITTEE of Waiokaraka District School tender to Mrs. Seddon and family their deep sympathy in the irreparable loss the schools have suffered on the death of the Minister of Education, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister.

SAMUEL J. BULLOCK, Secretary.

WAIPU NORTH RIVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Waipu, 19th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the above Committee to convey to you, and to ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family, their realisation of the very great loss the colony as a whole, and they themselves in particular, have sustained through the very unexpected call from the Great Master, "Friend come up higher."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

JOHN D. SUTHERLAND, Chairman.

WAITAHUNA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Waitahuna, 7th July, 1906.

I am directed by my Committee to convey to Mrs. Seddon through you the following resolution expressive of our sorrow and sympathy with her in her present sad affliction: "That this Committee places on record its profound regret and deep sense of the great loss the colony has sustained in the lamented death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and deeply sympathizes with the widow and family in their hour of trouble; and that a copy of this minute be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon, through the Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier of New Zealand."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

ROBERT MCCAW, Clerk.

WANGANUI EDUCATION BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 19th June, 1906.

I AM directed to inform you that this Board at its meeting last night passed the following resolution: "That this Board desires to place on record its extreme regret at the death of the Right Hon. the Premier and Minister of Education, and to express to his widow and relatives its sincere condolences for the great loss sustained in the demise of one who was so infinitely dear to them."

W. J. CARSON, Secretary.

WELLINGTON TECHNICAL EDUCATION BOARD.

SIR,—

Technical School, Victoria Street, Wellington, 16th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Wellington Technical Education Board to convey to you its sincere sympathy in your great bereavement, in accordance with the following resolution passed by the Board at a special meeting: "That this Board places on record its deep sense of the great services rendered to the State by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, not only in his capacity as Premier of the colony but also in the very important work which he did as Minister of Education in establishing secondary and technical education on a broad and firm basis; and that the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family and the Ministry the sincere sympathy of the Board in their terrible bereavement"

I have, &c.,

W. S. LA TROBE, Director and Secretary.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND MERCANTILE INSTITUTIONS.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

AUCKLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

MADAM,—

Swanson Street, Auckland, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the Council of this Chamber held to-day the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That the Council of the Auckland Chamber of Commerce places on record its recognition of the great loss sustained by this colony and the Empire generally through the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., and begs to extend to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincerest sympathy in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

A. J. DENNISTON, Secretary.

CANTERBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.

COMMITTEE, Canterbury Chamber of Commerce, desire express to you and members your family sincere condolences in your bereavement. The colony has suffered a severe loss through death of its leading statesman, Premier for thirteen years, and recognised one of Britain's Empire builders.

A. PARSONS, President.

CHRISTCHURCH PRESS NEWSPAPER.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy your irreparable loss.

PRESS NEWSPAPER, Christchurch.

COLONIAL AMMUNITION COMPANY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Upper Symond Street, Auckland, 15th June, 1906.

I HAVE received a cablegram from my board of directors, London, requesting me to express their sympathy with you and your family in your sad bereavement. Not only the colony but the whole Empire mourns the loss of its greatest colonial statesman.

CECIL A. WHITNEY.

DALEFIELD CO-OPERATIVE DAIRY COMPANY.

MADAM,—

Carterton, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by instruction of my directors, to convey to you and to your family the under-written resolution passed at a meeting held to-day.

Permit me also to tender my personal sympathy on the irreparable loss you have sustained.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. MONCRIEFF, Jun., Secretary.

"That this meeting of directors places on record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the colony and people of New Zealand by the late Premier, Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., and that a vote of sympathy be extended to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement."

KAUPOKONUI CO-OPERATIVE DAIRY FACTORY COMPANY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Kaupokonui, 15th June, 1906.

In tendering the heartfelt sympathy of my directors (in meeting assembled) to yourself and family in your sad bereavement, words fail me to express my own sadness at the loss, at once so profound and overwhelming—the loss to the loving wife and orphaned children of a father who amidst the heat and battle of a great career had ever fond thoughts of home and family, and the loss to our colony, which he loved so well, and the Empire, which he has done so much to cement and bind together—of a man whose unselfish aims and untiring energy, whilst raising him to the highest pinnacle of fame, have made fair New Zealand a land indeed flowing with milk and honey, and have so greatly ameliorated the condition of the aged and deserving poor.

The Empire mourns with you, dear madam, and I trust that your grief may be tempered by the knowledge that New-Zealanders of all classes grieve for the loss of a noble specimen of manhood and a great humanitarian.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

E. W. BARLEYMAN, Secretary.

LYONS (LIMITED).

MADAM,—

61 Lambton Quay, Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the directors of Lyons (Limited) to convey to you their sincere sympathy in your very great bereavement, and regret the irreparable loss the colony has sustained.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

H. IVORY, Secretary.

NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

General Manager's Office, Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

I am in receipt of a cablegram from the board and directors of the Bank, in London, in which they request me to offer you their respectful sympathy and condolence in the very great loss that you and your family, as well as the Colony of New Zealand, have sustained in the lamented death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

J. COATES, General Manager.

NEW ZEALAND AND AFRICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Brandon Street, Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

Kindly accept our profound sympathy and condolence in your sad bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

NEW ZEALAND AND AFRICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
(W. Wallis, Manager.)

PIHAMA CO-OPERATIVE DAIRY COMPANY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Opunake, Taranaki, 27th June, 1906.

At the meeting of directors of this company held this day the following resolution was carried :
"That this company deeply regrets the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and tenders its deepest sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement and irreparable loss."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

M. J. BRENNAN, Secretary.

R. AND E. TINGEY AND CO.

DEAR MISS SEDDON,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

It is with our deep regret and sorrow we learn the death of your dear father. We beg to tender you and your dear mother, brothers, and sisters our fullest sympathies in your sad bereavement. New Zealand has lost a faithful, noble, and true statesman.

Noble the man, who in this world's strife
Defendeth the weak against the strong,
Who dares to challenge his right against might,
Upholding the right against wrong.

Yours, &c.,

Miss Seddon, Molesworth Street.

R. AND E. TINGEY AND CO.
(Director, R. Tingey.)

WILLIAM MORTON, JUN.

DEAR SIR,—

Sentinel Printing Office, Auckland.

In this the hour of your great sorrow, when you are mourning the loss of a noble father, and Zealandia her great chieftain, I wish to tender you my profound sympathy, and which at the same time you will kindly convey to your grief-stricken mother and relatives. Though the will of Providence, the blow is none the less poignant; but, to use a now historic sentence, your revered father has truly left "for God's own country." Hoping God will strengthen you all in this period of bereavement and grief,

I remain, &c.,

Capt. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

WILLIAM MORTON, JUN.,
Editor, *Sentinel*.

CANTERBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

DEAR SIR,—

Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.

I beg to forward you a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the committee of the Canterbury Chamber of Commerce, held to-day, and which has been cabled to Mrs. Seddon. I may mention that it is the date for the ordinary monthly meeting, but after passing the resolution the meeting adjourned out of respect to the memory of the Right Hon. the Premier: "The Committee of the Canterbury Chamber of Commerce, having heard with profound regret of the sudden death of the Right Hon. the Premier, desire to express to you and the members of your family their sincere condolence in your bereavement. The colony has suffered a severe loss through the death of its leading statesman, Premier for thirteen years, and recognised as one of Britain's Empire-builders."

Yours, &c.,

Rev. W. S. Bean, Addington.

H. A. ADLEY, Secretary.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND MERCANTILE INSTITUTIONS.
(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

WELLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, I desire to express its deep regret at the loss the colony and Empire have sustained through the death of the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

He has died in the service of his country after many years of strenuous labour spent in promoting the welfare of his fellow-colonists and the solidarity of the Empire.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

G. SHIRTCLIFFE, President.

AUCKLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,—

20th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the Council of this Chamber held to-day, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That the Council of the Auckland Chamber of Commerce places on record its recognition of the great loss sustained by this colony and the Empire generally through the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., and begs to extend to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincerest sympathy in their sad bereavement."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

H. J. DENNISTON, Secretary.

DEVONPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

DEAR SIR,—

Devonport, 20th June, 1906.

My Chamber has passed the following motion of sympathy: "That this Chamber places on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and expresses its deep sympathy with his family and the people of New Zealand."

My Chamber desires you to convey this expression of sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

J. P. HEFFERNAN, Secretary.

EKETAHUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Eketahuna, 14th June, 1906.

RESOLUTION passed meeting last night: "That the Eketahuna Chamber of Commerce records its deep sense of the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, and that this Chamber conveys to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy with them in their sad bereavement."

BEDDING, Secretary.

FEILDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

DEAR SIR,—

Feilding, 12th July, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that, at the last meeting of the above Chamber, the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting records regret at the sudden death of the late Premier, and respectfully begs to tender its sympathy to the bereaved widow and family; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, with the request that he will be pleased to convey the same to Mrs. Seddon."

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

A. G. CARTY, Secretary.

HAWERA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,—

Hawera, 16th June, 1906.

At the commencement of the ordinary meeting of the committee of the Hawera Chamber of Commerce held yesterday afternoon the following resolution was passed: "That this Chamber of Commerce places on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the late Prime Minister of the Colony, and extends to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family heartfelt sympathy in their loss."

The committee will be obliged if you will convey the resolution to Mrs. Seddon.

After the passing of this resolution the Chamber adjourned for one week out of respect for the deceased statesman.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JAMES FOY, Secretary.

MASTERTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,—

Masterton, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour to advise you that this Chamber at its meeting to-day adopted the following resolution, on the motion of the President, and immediately adjourned: "That the Masterton Chamber of Commerce places on record its sincere sympathy with the family of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Prime Minister, whose sudden death can only be regarded as a colonial and national calamity. The Chamber also expresses its appreciation of the last great work accomplished in arranging for a reciprocal tariff with our Australian neighbours."

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. C. BODDINGTON, Secretary.

NELSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,—

Nelson, 14th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Nelson Chamber of Commerce, to forward the following copy of a resolution passed at a recent general meeting of the Chamber: "That this meeting desires to record its deep sense of the loss which the colony has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, a man who has for so many years directed the affairs of the colony with eminent courage, energy, and ability. The Chamber ventures to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family its earnest sympathy with them in their bereavement which, however, they trust may in some measure be softened by the universal appreciation of the inestimable and abiding services which Mr. Seddon has rendered his country."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. W. HARRIS, Secretary.

OAMARU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Oamaru, 12th June, 1906.

CHAMBER Commerce passed the following resolution at annual meeting this evening: "That this Chamber expresses its sincere regret at the great loss sustained by the colony through the sudden death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and it assures the members of the Cabinet of its deep sympathy with them in the removal of their esteemed colleague and leader."

W. H. ROSE, President.

PAHIATUA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Pahiatua, 19th June, 1906.

PLEASE express deepest sympathy of Pahiatua Chamber Commerce with Mrs. Seddon and family.

WILLIAM TOSWILL, President.

A. G. CROSS, Secretary.

PALMERSTON NORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

DEAR SIR,—

Palmerston North, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that this Chamber of Commerce at a special meeting held yesterday passed the following resolution: "That this Chamber desires to place on record its recognition of the splendid self-sacrificing services of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon to New Zealand and the Empire over a long series of years, and desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family its heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement."

I am directed to ask you to kindly convey same to Mrs. Seddon and the other members of the family.

Believe me, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting Prime Minister, Wellington.

G. HIRSCH, Secretary.

PATEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Patea, 12th June, 1906.

PATEA Chamber of Commerce mourns loss of most Imperial statesman of his day.

ROSSITER, President.

TARANAKI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

New Plymouth, 12th June, 1906.

PROFOUND regret and sympathy with the family at the untimely decease of our late Premier.

JAMES C. GEORGE, President.

WANGANUI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 16th June, 1906.

WANGANUI Chamber of Commerce expresses deep regret loss colony sustained by death Premier. Kindly accept and convey sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family.

G. CALMAN, President.

EDITOR AND STAFF OF CHRISTCHURCH PRESS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of myself and staff of the *Press*, desire to express sincere sorrow at loss of Prime Minister, whom in politics we found large-minded, courteous opponent, and whose name will always live in history of New Zealand.

TRIGGS, Editor *Press*.

HOKIANGA COUNTY TIMES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Kohukohu, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT our sincere regret and sympathy on death of Premier.

HOKIANGA COUNTY TIMES.

TARANAKI HERALD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

New Plymouth, 11th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey Mrs. Seddon our deepest sympathy.

W. J. PENN, Editor *Herald*.

WAIHI DAILY TELEGRAPH.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Waihi, 12th June, 1906.

SINCERE sympathy.

WAIHI DAILY TELEGRAPH.

WANGANUI HERALD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Wanganui, 11th June, 1906.

HERALD tenders self and Ministry sincerest sympathy sad and sudden death chief.

WEBB JONES, Editor.

ASSETS REALISATION BOARD.

SIR,—

Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

At a special meeting of the Assets Realisation Board held this day the following resolution was placed on its minutes: "The Board desires to place on record its sense of the great loss it has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in the sad bereavement which has befallen them."

We have, &c.,

GEO. TODD, Chairman.

W. FRASER, Member of Board.

W. G. FOSTER, General Manager.

The Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—

Wellington, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a resolution passed to-day at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of New Zealand, and to ask you to be so good as to cause the enclosure to be forwarded to the widow and family of the late Prime Minister.

I have, &c.,

F. DE C. MALET, Chairman of Board of Directors.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

(Death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.)

It was resolved, "That the Board of Directors of the Bank of New Zealand desires to place on record its deep sense of the very great loss sustained by the colony through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, and to record its high appreciation of the eminent services rendered by him to the colony. The Board desires further to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family its profound sympathy with them in their great sorrow."

NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED).

SIR,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

We have received the following cable message from our London Office: "At a special board meeting called for the purpose the following resolution was unanimously passed: 'New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited), desires to express its sorrow at the death of the eminent statesman and great New Zealand leader, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to record its appreciation of the valued services he has rendered to the industries of the colony. The Directors also tender their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family.—WILLIAM CHARLES DAWES, Chairman.'"

The company's local directors and the Chief Inspector for New Zealand, on behalf of themselves and of the company's staff in the colony, sincerely join in this expression of appreciation and sympathy.

We have, &c.,

N. REID, } Local Directors.
 WM. FRASER, }
 M. MACPHERSON, Chief Inspector for New Zealand.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

UNION COMPANY DIRECTORS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Dunedin, 11th June, 1906.

My directors wish express their deep sorrow on receiving news of the death of Mr. Seddon.

C. HOLDSWORTH, Union Company.

DIRECTORS WAIHI GOLD-MINING COMPANY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Waihi, 13th June, 1906.

HAVE received cabled advice from the board of directors of Waihi Gold-mining Company asking me to convey to you their deep regret at the death of the great New Zealand Premier, the Right Hon. Richard Seddon; also asking that their respectful condolences and sympathy should be tendered to Mrs. Seddon. As the son of a former Premier, would like to have this opportunity of adding my own feelings of sorrow and sympathy.

BERKELEY H. STAFFORD, Attorney, Waihi Gold-mining Company.

EMPLOYEES OF WANGANUI SASH AND DOOR COMPANY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 19th June, 1906.

THE employees of the Wanganui Sash and Door Company wish to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deepest sympathy in the present sad bereavement, also to place on record their appreciation of the good work done by the late Mr. Seddon for this colony.

FREEMASONS.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Grand Secretary's Office, Hereford Street, Christchurch, 29th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the board of general purposes of Grand Lodge to forward to you an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the board held on 25th instant as follows: "That we record our profound sorrow and regret at the untimely death of our beloved and distinguished brother, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Past Grand Master, and that a copy of this minute be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon, together with an expression of our deepest fraternal sympathy with her and her children in this their darkest hour of sorrow."

May the Great Architect of the Universe give you strength to bear this sore trial, and enable you to bow with resignation to His will, remembering that your parting is not eternal, but that in the breaking light of the resurrection morn and beneath the benignant bend of the All-seeing Eye you will meet again; meet to part no more.

In the hearts of his fellow-men your dear husband will ever dwell as one who lived respected and honoured, and who died universally regretted.

As freemasons we have pride in such a record as that of our departed brother.

I have received from a great many lodges throughout New Zealand, and from many grand lodges and lodges beyond the seas, letters and telegrams conveying their loving sympathy with you; amongst them is one from a lodge in Liverpool (England), of which Bro. Seddon's cousins are members.

Oh Glorious destiny! Oh reward immortal!
 On every page that bears his name,
 On every tongue that speaks his fame,
 In lowliest cot and stateliest portal,
 In every line from history's pen
 Who runs may read, "He loved his fellow-men."

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

M. NICHOL, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

UNITED BOARD OF INQUIRY.

MADAM,— Secretary's Office, St. Augustine Hall, Manchester Street, 12th June, 1906.

At the regular meeting of the above board held last evening the following resolution was moved and carried, viz. : "That this meeting of representatives of all the masonic lodges in Christchurch desires to place on record its sincere regret at the death of M.W. Bro. R. J. Seddon, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and expresses its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement; and that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to them."

In accordance therewith it is my melancholy privilege to do so.

With sincere sympathy,
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

T. C. BINGHAM, Hon. Secretary.

ALBERT EDWARD ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 6.

DEAR MADAM,—

Lyttelton, 10th July, 1906.

At a convocation of the above chapter held last evening it was resolved : "That a very sincere vote of sympathy be passed to you and yours in the great loss sustained of Companion the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon."

Of our late esteemed companion it may be well said "that his works do go before him," and I will only add that we had learnt to not only respect him, but love him.

That you may be sustained by our Great and Loving Father and comforted by the universal sympathy shown, is our best wish for you in your sorrow.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

E. ELIOT CHAMBERS, Scribe E.

LODGE ARROW KILWINNING.

DEAR MADAM,—

Arrowtown, 23rd June, 1906.

At a special meeting of my lodge held on Thursday last for the purpose eulogistic reference was made to your late husband as a statesman and a politician, and no less as a freemason. It was recognised that freemasonry has lost by his sad death a prominent and upright figure in the craft.

The following resolution which I was directed to convey to you was then passed : "That the members of Lodge Arrow Kilwinning record their deep regret at the loss New Zealand has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Premier of the colony, and formerly most Worshipful Grand Master of the New Zealand Lodge of Freemasons. Also that a letter be written to Mrs. Seddon expressing our sympathy with herself and family in their great loss, a loss which deeply felt by them, is also keenly regretted by us, his brethren in freemasonry and admirers of his unselfish devotion to the welfare of New Zealand."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

GEORGE H. ROMANS, Secretary.

BRUNNERTON ADVANCE LODGE, No. 61.

DEAR MADAM,—

Brunnerton, 15th June, 1906.

At a lodge of sorrow held last night, in mourning for the loss of illustrious and beloved Past Grand Master Bro. Seddon, I was instructed to convey to you our heartfelt and deepest sympathy in this your hour of terrible grief.

When your loving husband visited our lodge some time ago Bro. Scott, in proposing his health, stated that while memory lasted Bro. Seddon would live in the hearts of his people; and, in responding, Bro. Seddon said that he would never wish any kinder thing to be said of him, and that the supreme object of his life was to so live and act that he might live in the hearts of his people. Never in the history of the world has a great statesman so completely attained his ideal, and the universal grief of the Australian Colonies shows how well the people have appreciated the great love he bore them.

To yourself and family we can only hope and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will grant you aid and consolation in your most sad and sorrowful bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

ROBERT TAYLOR, Hon. Secretary.

LODGE THISTLE No. 113.

DEAR MADAM,—

Ashburton, 19th June, 1906.

I herewith, on behalf of Lodge Thistle, No. 113, convey to you the following resolution duly passed at a special meeting : "That the heartfelt sympathy of Thistle Lodge members be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon in her recent irreparable loss, and the brethren express regret at the loss of so good a man and worthy brother, and I kindly ask you to accept the same."

Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

E. C. BEECH, Worshipful Master.

CANTERBURY MASONIC LODGE, No. 1048.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 18th June, 1906.

At a meeting of this lodge held on Friday the 15th June, 1906, the following resolution was passed : "That the members of the Canterbury Masonic Lodge, No. 1048, E.C., tender their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sudden bereavement, and deplore the great loss they, the colony, and the craft have suffered by the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

FRED G. HOBBS, Secretary.

LODGE FEILDING, No. 41.

DEAR MADAM,—

Feilding, 29th June, 1906.

I am instructed by my lodge to send you the following resolution passed at our meeting: "That this lodge wishes to place on record its deep sense of sorrow at the calamity which has befallen by the death of our M.W. Bro. R. J. Seddon, P.G.M., and that a letter of masonic condolence and deepest sympathy be sent to Mrs. Seddon and family in the irrevocable loss that they sustained. We trust that the Almighty in His infinite mercy will sustain you and your family in your bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

THOMAS W. K. FOSTER, Secretary.

FRANKLIN LODGE OF FREEMASONS, No. 2138.

MADAM,—

St. Mark's Vicarage, Paparua, Kaipara, 9th July, 1906.

At a regular meeting of Franklin Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2138, E.C., I was instructed to convey to you the heartfelt sympathy of the brethren with you and your family in the bereavement which has so suddenly befallen you.

We recognise the services which our late brother the Premier has rendered not only to the country he loved so well, but also to the order of which he was so distinguished a member, and we earnestly pray that the God of all comfort may be with you in this trying time, and do that which is impossible to any human power, hind up the broken heart.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

W. E. CONNOLLY, Hon. Secretary.

LODGE GOLDEN BAY, No. 2194, E.C.

DEAR MADAM,—

Takaka, 9th July, 1906.

At the last ordinary meeting of the masonic lodge (Golden Bay, No. 2194, E.C.), I was directed by the Worshipful Master to convey to yourself and family the sympathy and condolence of the members of the above-named lodge in your recent bereavement.

The late Premier was for thirty years a very prominent member of the craft, and we feel that in addition to the irreparable loss which the people of this colony have undoubtedly sustained in the decease of their late leader, the freemasons have also lost a most illustrious and energetic brother and friend.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

HUGH PAGE, Hon. Secretary.

LODGE HAVELOCK.

DEAR MADAM,—

Havelock, 18th June, 1906.

At the request of our lodge I have to convey to you and your family our deepest sympathy for you in your severe loss.

No words would express our deep regret both for yourselves, for the craft and for the country which for so many years has looked up to him with love, veneration, and guidance, and although our Past Grand Master has passed away to the realms of eternity "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest," we have the consolation of knowing that his good works will shine to his memory while New Zealand flies the British flag.

We commend you and yours to the loving care of the Great Architect of the Universe, who guides our destinies; and, after the keen edge of sorrow has been dulled, may you live long to reflect the good works of Richard John Seddon, whose memory will never die, is the sincere wish of the brethren with whom he bore so honoured a distinction.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

V. C. VENIMON, P.M., Secretary.

HINEMOA MASONIC LODGE, No. 122.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 16th June, 1906.

It is with deep regret that I undertake the sad duty, on behalf of the above-named lodge, to express our deepest heartfelt sympathy with you and your family in the loss of your beloved husband. No man had a larger circle of true friends than had your husband, and we can only estimate your loss by our own, which is really great and irreparable, and we hope and trust the Great Architect who has seen fit to take him away from us, has taken him to that grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect rules and reigns for ever.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

ROBERT E. MANLEY, Secretary.

LEINSTER LODGE, No. 44.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the W.M. to convey to you and your family the feelings of the deepest sympathy from our lodge in your recent great bereavement in the death of our Past Grand Master, the late Bro. R. J. Seddon.

I can assure you that every brother of the lodge as well as every mason in the territory unite with me in hoping that the Great Architect will in His great mercy soften and temper the blow.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

W.M. WILLIS, P.M., Secretary.

JAMES ROBERTSON, W.M.

THOMAS BLAND, P.M.P.G.S.

LODGE MANAWATU KILWINNING, No. 47.

DEAR MADAM,—

Palmerston North, 18th July, 1906.

I am directed by my lodge to convey to you its deepest sympathy in connection with the death of your esteemed husband, our Past Grand Master.

I also wish to inform you that our lodge held a "lodge of sorrow" in memory of your esteemed husband on Friday last, which was attended by a large gathering of masons from all parts of our district, who have requested me to convey to you their deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

CHAS. S. RUSH, Secretary.

MASTERTON LODGE, No. 19.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Auckland.

Masterton, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT warmest sympathy from officers and members of Masterton Lodge, No. 19.

ANDREW NICOL, W.M.

MASONIC LODGE MAWHERA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 14th June, 1906.

MASONIC Lodge Mawhera offers sincere sympathy with yourself and family in your sad bereavement.

W. J. WATSON, W.M.

LODGE MOA, No. 110.

DEAR MADAM,—

Freemasons' Hall, Inglewood, 21st July, 1906.

I am directed by the Worshipful Master to convey to you the following copy of a resolution passed by the above lodge at its first meeting after the death of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D.: "That the members of this lodge tender their sincere sympathy to the widow and family of the late Bro. R. J. Seddon, P.G.M., in their sad and irreparable bereavement."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

T. E. HAMERTON, P.G.D., Secretary.

NGAMOTU LODGE, NEW PLYMOUTH.

DEAR MADAM,—

3rd July, 1906.

I am directed by the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of Ngamotu Lodge to convey to you their sincere sympathy with yourself and family in the great loss you have sustained by the death of our M.W. Past Grand Master, Bro. Richard John Seddon.

Words or expressed sentiments are but poor consolation in such a bereavement, but we have the hope and that hope creates in us a faith that the Most High does all things well, and although at present we feel His hand has been very heavy upon us, still our comfort is this, that "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

WALTER H. HADDRELL, P.M., Secretary.

LODGE NGAPARA, No. 68, N.Z.C.

MADAM,—

Ngapara, 4th July, 1906.

Kindly accept from Lodge Ngapara (masonic) an assurance of deepest sympathy with you and your family in your recent sad bereavement.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

THOS. PATERSON, Secretary.

OPOTIKI LODGE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Opotiki, 12th June, 1906

WORSHIPFUL MASTER and brethren of Lodge Opotiki deeply sympathize in your sad bereavement and great loss to you and yours.

N. ROSTGARD, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC LODGE, No. 2, KILBIENIE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

I am instructed to inform you that the following resolution was unanimously passed at the meeting of this lodge held last night: "That this lodge, being the first masonic lodge instituted in New Zealand, tenders to the wife and family of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Past Grand Master, its most sincere expressions of grief and condolence in the irreparable loss they, as well as New Zealand and freemasonry, have sustained in his sudden and unexpected death."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

J. H. WORBOYS, Secretary.

LODGE PAREROA, No. 134.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Manse, St. Andrew's, 15th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by Lodge Pareroa, No. 134, to send you a line of condolence in this your great trouble. We desire that the One who rules all things may support you and give you the comfort that is so necessary when treading the deep waters of bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

JAMES W. J. CHAPPLE.

LODGE ROBERT BURNS, No. 50.

DEAR MADAM,—

Reefton, 22nd June, 1906.

At the last monthly meeting of this lodge a resolution was passed that a letter of condolence be sent to you on the death of your late husband, conveying the sympathy of the members of the lodge to yourself and family in your great bereavement, also the assurance of the great esteem in which your late husband was held by the craft in general and this lodge in particular.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

WM. P. MONTEITH, Secretary.

RODNEY LODGE OF FREEMASONS, No. 1711, E.C.

DEAR MADAM,—

Warkworth, 6th July, 1906.

At the regular monthly meeting of the above lodge, held in Masonic Hall, Warkworth, on Wednesday, 4th July, 1906, it was resolved, "That the heartfelt sympathy of the Worshipful Master, officers, and brothers of Rodney Lodge be accorded to yourself and family in your recent bereavement by the lamentable death of your beloved husband, and our prayer will ever be that the Most High will accord you everlasting comfort in your affliction."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

EDWIN G. CLEMENTS, P.D.S.G.W., Secretary.

LODGE ST. ANDREW, No. 8.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, Grey Lynn, 26th June, 1906.

On behalf of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 8, of the New Zealand Constitution, I have to offer you our deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement in the death of your dear husband, and may the Most High comfort you in your sorrow.

We all feel the loss of our departed brother who was beloved by all his brethren. He was a mason tried and proved, always ever ready to assist his poor and distressed brethren in their time of need. He has carried out his duties to his God, his country, and his people, and may his reward be, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the kingdom of Heaven."

We trust that the Almighty will be with you and your family, and help to lighten the heavy burden of sorrow.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

F. D. PARSONS, P.M., Secretary.

LODGE ST. ANDREW, No. 32.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 22nd June, 1906.

I beg respectfully to state that at the last regular meeting of the above lodge a vote of sympathy and condolence was sincerely expressed, and with one accord duly passed, and to my duty it falls to convey our sympathy.

By the loss of our most worshipful brother our constitution is much the poorer, yet, though conscious of our great loss, we are not unmindful of the equally serious loss to many others, and most important to yourself and family. We are indeed sorry for you and yours in this sad bereavement that has overtaken you, and we pray that when the cloud lifts the prominent land-marks and good works will afford you some comfort.

Words seem so difficult to find that will express our feelings. Brother Seddon's untiring energy and masterly manner in executing whatever was his duty will long be remembered and admired.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

JAMES SMITH, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 37.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Featherston, 16th June, 1906.

At our last monthly meeting, held on the 14th instant, a resolution was passed that we extend to you and your family the heartfelt sympathy of our brethren at the loss recently sustained in the death of your husband and our highly esteemed brother and Past Grand Master.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

F. W. WOOD, Secretary.

LODGE ST. JOHN KILWINNING, 662, S.C.

MADAM,—

North-east Valley, 30th June, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, North-east Valley, on the 28th June, 1906, the following resolution was carried: "That this lodge expresses its heartfelt sorrow at the death of esteemed Bro. the Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.G.M.; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the bereaved widow and family."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

H. B. ANDERSON, Secretary.

LODGE TARINGATURA, No. 100, N.Z.C.

DEAR MADAM,—

Lumsden, 6th July, 1906.

I have the honour to transmit to you the following resolution adopted by the brethren of this lodge at its meeting held on Monday evening, 2nd instant: "That this lodge of freemasons expresses its sincere regret at the loss sustained by the colony and this ancient craft in the sad death of M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.G.M., and extends to Mrs. Seddon and her family its heartfelt sympathy with her and them in their bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

W. H. CLARK, Secretary.

LODGE TE AROHA, No. 52.

DEAR MADAM,—

Te Aroha, 5th July, 1906.

It is my duty to acquaint you of the following resolution: "That the brethren of Lodge Te Aroha, No. 52, assembled in 'lodge of sorrow,' place on record their deep regret at the loss sustained by the craft through the death of M.W. Bro. R. J. Seddon, and beg respectfully to tender their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

A. S. MACKAY, Secretary.

TURANGANUI LODGE, No. 1480.

DEAR MADAM,—

Gisborne, 11th June, 1906.

The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of Turanganui Masonic Lodge, No. 1480, E.C., Gisborne, wish most sincerely to extend to you their heartfelt sympathy and condolence in your sad hour of trial and affliction, and, in expressing this, communicate to you in only the slightest degree the sense of the irreparable loss sustained by yourself in particular, the people of the colony and freemasonry in general.

It is most difficult to estimate what in any way would be adequate, as a fitting tribute, to express our feelings of respect and admiration in one so noble, upright, just, and generous; so universally beloved by all classes of the community, and in whose heart the colony's welfare was ever predominant, and who never lost an opportunity of advancing the cause of truth, of honour, and of virtue.

I can assure you the brethren of the lodge feel very keenly the great loss you have sustained, but there is consolation in knowing that his good works will always remain as a lasting memorial for generations to come.

In conclusion, we sincerely pray that the Great Architect of the Universe in His unbounded goodness and mercy will direct and strengthen you and yours in nobly bearing the great bereavement you have so suddenly and unexpectedly sustained.

Mrs. Seddon and members of family.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT ROBERTSON, Secretary.

LODGE ULSTER, No. 62.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Petone, 14th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the above Lodge held last night, I was directed to convey to yourself and family our most sincere sympathy at the sad and unexpected death of your dear husband, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in New Zealand, and a worthy and widely respected mason.

His many sterling qualities and the great good he wrought for the colony he so dearly loved were best known and most highly appreciated by those who knew him best, but we all join with you in mourning the loss of one of nature's gentlemen, whose name will be honoured and revered throughout the universe while time lasts.

Our prayer is that the Great Architect of the Universe will give you and your family strength to bear the burden He has cast upon you, and comfort and support you all in this your time of sore trouble and sad bereavement.

Allow me also to tender my own humble expression of sympathy.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

A. W. STEVENS, Secretary.

LODGE VICTORY, No. 40.

DEAR MADAM,—

Nelson, 16th June, 1906.

The members of the lodge desire me to express to yourself and the members of your family their sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Our late most worshipful brother was one who truly fulfilled to the highest degree his duties as a freemason, and it will always be said of him that he lived respected, and died regretted.

Praying that our Loving Father will keep and sustain you all in your great affliction,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

W. W. DE CASTRO.

WAIRAU LODGE, No. 42, N.Z.C.

DEAR MADAM,—

Blenheim, 5th July, 1906.

I am instructed by the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Lodge Wairau to convey to you their deep sympathy in your present affliction consequent on the death of your late husband and a prominent member of our masonic order.

Trusting that the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe will watch over, guide, and protect you and your family in the hour of your affliction, and throughout this life.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

SAML. A. CONNOLLY, P.M., Secretary.

LODGE WAIROA, No. 55.

MADAM,—

Cleveland, Auckland, 13th July, 1906.

At the last meeting of the above lodge of freemasons the following resolution of condolence was carried unanimously, the brethren standing in silence: "That the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of Lodge Wairoa, No. 55, desire to express their extreme regret at the lamented death of their Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Richard John Seddon, and furthermore to extend to his widow and family their sympathy and condolence."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

FRANK JAMIESON, Worshipful Master.

LODGE WATERLOO, No. 13.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of Lodge Waterloo, No. 13, Worshipful Brother J. D. Sievwright, W.M., I have to convey to you and your family the condolences and sympathy of the members of this lodge in the sad and irrevocable loss you and they have suffered. I am enclosing a copy of the W.M.'s remarks in moving this resolution to the Lodge, and we pray the Great Architect of the Universe to comfort you and give you peace.

Mrs. Seddon, City.

Yours, &c.,

JOSEPH HICKS, P.M., Secretary.

Worshipful Brother J. D. Sievwright, W.M., of Waterloo, spoke as follows: "Brethren, I rise to make a brief reference to the sad and awful calamity which has befallen this country. The death of our most Worshipful Brother R. J. Seddon is a loss which most men in this country will regret, while hundreds and thousands will mourn his death as their friend and benefactor. As a whole the people of New Zealand owe much to the late Premier, and his name will be held in esteem and affection although he himself is now no more. The last time I saw him was in Christchurch at the Grand Lodge meeting, and there he was genial and happy as was his wont. Yet one could not help remarking the pallid face of the Premier, and a certain contraction indicative of overwork and fatigue. Since then Brother Seddon visited Australia, and the triumphal character of his tour of the Commonwealth has been followed with interest and gratification by us all. We all expected that our former Grand Master would return to the field of his public glories fresh and vigorous, but the hand of Death fell upon him, when, as far as we know, it was least expected, and when his life's work was not as yet, we had hoped, completed. That so distinguished a citizen and brother should be cut down in the zenith of his power and usefulness reads to us all a striking and a solemn lesson. While it impresses us with the uncertainty of life, it should move us to greater efforts as was his lofty ambition to minimise the sum of human woe and benefit all who came within the sphere of his helpful, sympathetic, and large-hearted nature. His career as a freemason was worthy of emulation, and few may follow in his footsteps as a citizen and a public man. Such a man as M.W. Bro. Seddon has inspired poets to lines of eloquent appropriateness:—

Rich in saving common-sense,
And, as the greatest only are,
In his simplicity sublime.
A good grey head which all men knew,
A voice from which their omens all men drew,
O, iron nerve to occasion true,
O, fall'n at length that tower of strength,
Which stood four square to all the winds that blew.

Truly, this day a great man has fallen in Israel. The colony loses a hero and a statesman. The masonic fraternity has had a column struck from its temple. We have lost an elder brother and a friend. But in our loss let us not forget those who are nearest and dearest to him, in the persons of his widow, his children, and other suffering relatives. I therefore move, That Lodge Waterloo places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the calamity which has befallen this country by the death of our most worshipful brother, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.G.M., and that a letter of condolence and sympathy be sent to Mrs. Seddon and family in the irrevocable loss they have this day sustained."

At the instance of the W.M. all brethren present rose and expressed their sympathy and approval by voting unanimously and in silence.

WICKLIFFE LODGE, NAPIER.

DEAR MADAM,—

P.A.F.S.O.A., Napier, 16th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the above lodge, we beg to express our sorrow at the death of your esteemed and revered husband.

You may be sure that each member feels that we have lost one who had the interests of the colony at heart.

Trusting that you and your family will see many years of prosperity in this "God's own country."

We remain, &c.,

E. J. CORBETT, P.M., Worshipful Master.

H. HARE, Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon.

LODGE WINTON, No. 108.

DEAR MADAM,—

Winton, 23rd July, 1906.

I am directed by the Winton Masonic Lodge to forward to you the following resolution: "That this lodge recognises the loss which the craft has suffered by the death of our most worshipful brother, Richard John Seddon, Past Grand Master, whose conduct through life was ever a faithful representation of the masonic virtues; and this lodge desires to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss which they have sustained by the death of so affectionate and devoted a husband and father"

I am, &c.,

J. F. WHITE, Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

LODGE ALBANY, E.C.

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Waikumete, 12th June, 1906.

BRETHREN Lodge Albany, English Constitution, deeply sympathize with your family at sad loss of our esteemed brother and colony's greatest statesman.

G. F. HOSKING, Worshipful Master.

FREEMASONS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

FREEMASONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 21st June, 1906.

I have received a cable from Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, Grand Master of Freemasons of New South Wales, conveying a message of fraternal sympathy with New Zealand upon the loss of our late distinguished brother and Past Grand Master, Richard John Seddon.

I have also received a cable from the Lord Bishop of Perth, Grand Master of Freemasons of Western Australia, of a similar nature, and instructing me to provide a wreath on their behalf, which has been done.

Yours, &c.,

M. NICCOL, Grand Secretary.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

LODGE ABERCORN, GISBORNE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Gisborne, 12th June, 1906.

LODGE Abercorn wishes express deepest sympathy death of Premier and Past Grand Master. Kindly convey same to Mrs. Seddon and family.

COLEBOURNE W. M. BULL, Secretary.

CONYERS LODGE, No. 1916.

DEAR SIR,—

43 Ferry Road, Linwood, Christchurch.

As Secretary of Conyers Masonic Lodge, No. 1916, E.C., I am instructed to inform you that at our regular meeting, held on Thursday, the 14th June, it was resolved to place on record the loss that the craft have sustained through the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to ask you to kindly convey our heartfelt sympathy to the wife and family in their sad bereavement, and to express the hope that when our work on this sphere is ended we may all be prepared to meet the G.A.O.T.U. in a similar manner.

I remain, &c.,

JOSEPH NIND, Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

FOREST LODGE, WAKEFIELD.

DEAR SIR,—

Wakefield, Nelson, 7th July, 1906.

At the last meeting of the Forest Lodge of Freemasons, held at Wakefield, on the 4th instant, it was resolved, "That this lodge desires to express its sincere sorrow at the death of our late brother and Past Grand Master, Bro. Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desires to place on record its appreciation of his long, arduous, and self-denying services for the good and welfare of his adopted country. The lodge also desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon in her great bereavement and the hope that she may be sustained in this her hour of heavy trial."

May I ask if you will kindly forward this to the proper quarter, and oblige.

Yours, &c.,

E. EDRIDGE, Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 18, N.Z.C.

SIR,—

Freemasons' Hall, Patea, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward herewith a short letter of sympathy from Lodge Patea Kilwinning, No. 18, which I am directed to ask you to present on behalf of the lodge to the bereaved widow and children of our late worthy and Right Worshipful Bro. R. J. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

GERVASE D. HAMERTON, P.M., Secretary.

SIR,—

Patea, 18th June, 1906.

The Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of Lodge Patea Kilwinning, No. 18, N.Z.C., beg to tender to Mrs. Seddon and her family their heartfelt sympathy in the irreparable loss which they, in the first degree, and afterwards every one in this country, have suffered in the sudden and untoward call to the Grand Lodge above of the late Premier, R. J. Seddon, an unerring guide, a great administrator, a powerful democratic leader, a true friend of the toiler, a worthy mason, and Past Grand Master of masonry in this territory, whose name will be cherished and revered throughout the territory whenever and wherever masons meet.

We have, &c.,

C. A. LARCOMBE, W.M.

R. W. HAMERTON, S.W.

W. H. SIMMONS, J.W.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

GERVASE D. HAMERTON, P.M., Secretary.

ST. ANDREW KILWINNING LODGE, No. 79.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 15th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deepest sympathy of the brethren of St. Andrew Kilwinning Lodge on the death of our late Grand Master. Our departed brother's life was emblematical of the truest principles of freemasonry, and one that will live for ever in the memory of the brethren. We commend his widow and family to the Great Architect of the Universe for comfort in their hour of affliction.

JAMES T. MUIR, Secretary.

ST. GEORGE MASONIC LODGE, No. 1801, E.C.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Dargaville, 19th June, 1906.

Kindly convey the heartfelt sympathy of the members of this lodge to Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement.

S. HAROLDSON, Worshipful Master.

ST. THOMAS KILWINNING, No. 83.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Kaitangata, 15th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family, in their bereavement, sincere sympathy from the brethren of the Lodge St. Thomas Kilwinning, 83. The colony has indeed sustained a great loss by the death of our Past Grand Master.

P. SOUNNESS, Secretary.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1655, E.C.

DEAR SIR,—

Thames, 12th June, 1906.

At this evening's meeting of this lodge most feeling reference was made to the great loss sustained by the colony as a whole, and the craft in particular, by the death of our worthy and distinguished brother, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and I was directed to request you on behalf of your brethren of this lodge to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the sincerest sympathy of the members of Lodge Corinthian.

Thanking you in anticipation of your ready acquiescence in the unanimous wish of the brethren, and sympathizing with you personally in what I am sure will be a great grief to you,

I am, &c.,

R. H. ELLIS, P.M., Secretary.

The Hon. James McGowan, Minister of Mines and Justice, Wellington.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

AUCKLAND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

MADAM,—

Auckland, 23rd June, 1906.

I beg most respectfully to inform you that the following resolution was carried at the memorial service of the friendly societies of Auckland in connection with the much lamented death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand, viz.: "That the united friendly societies of Auckland, in meeting assembled, desire respectfully to tender an expression of their sincere condolence to Mrs. Seddon in the sad and lamentable bereavement which she has suffered by the death of her dear husband, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand. They also deeply regret the irreparable loss sustained by the family of the deceased statesman, whose great love for them was ever apparent, and hope the Almighty God will ever keep them and their loving mother under His protecting care. They further desire to express their full sense of the calamity which has befallen the Empire in the untimely removal of a great statesman, whose sole life's aim was the uplifting of humanity."

For the friendly societies of Auckland,
Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
JOHN McLEOD.

LOYAL ALBERT LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F., KUMARA.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Kumara, 19th June, 1906.

The members of the Albert Lodge join with the rest of New Zealand in sending their sympathy to you in your great bereavement, and we trust that He who ruleth all things will comfort and support you in this sad trial.

I remain, &c.,

WALTER EVENDON, Secretary.

AWHINA LODGE, I.O.O.F.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Mamaka, 18th June, 1906.

The brethren of Awhina Lodge, I.O.O.F., sorrow with you in your sad affliction.

JAS. W. TODD, Secretary.

LOYAL CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH LODGE, No. 4602, I.O.O.F.M.U.

DEAR MADAM,—

Oddfellows' Chambers, 195 St. Asaph Street,
Christchurch, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed by resolution of the above lodge to convey to you and your family the deep and heartfelt sympathy and condolence of the members of this lodge in your sad bereavement, and to express the deep regret felt by all members of friendly societies at the irreparable loss sustained by the death of your noble husband, the Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also to express a hope that the remembrance of the great abilities, noble character, and honourable appreciation by the people of all nations of the departed one may in some degree lessen the great sorrow you must otherwise endure.

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

H. E. ROBBINS, Secretary.

LOYAL COLERIDGE LODGE.

MADAM,—

Glentunnel, 26th June, 1906.

At the half-yearly meeting of the above lodge a motion of condolence and sympathy was passed to you in the great loss you have sustained in the death of your late husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, who, by his attention given to all matters in connection with friendly societies, whenever brought before him, has earned the respect and confidence of all the members in the order; and, in conclusion, we trust that when you are called to that home from which none return you will again meet that husband and friend whose loss we all mourn.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

H. ROLLINSON, Secretary.

LOYAL COMBINATION LODGE, I.O.O.F.M.U.

DEAR MADAM,—

Johnsonville, 18th June, 1906.

I am instructed by my lodge to send you and family our condolence and sympathy in the loss of your dear husband. We feel we not only have lost a great statesman, but also a father who loved both New Zealand and its people.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

H. STEBBINGS, Secretary.

LOYAL FOUNTAIN OF FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 3920, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 14th June, 1906.

At a meeting of this lodge held on the 12th instant it was resolved, "That the members of this lodge offer their kindly sympathy to the widow and family of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and that the secretary be instructed to forward a copy of the resolution."

I may state that the death has caused a great shock to our brethren, and they will ever remember his kindness and interest taken in the friendly society world.

May the Great Ruler of the Universe give you all strength in your time of trouble.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

C. WESTPHAL, Secretary.

GLADSTONE LODGE, No. 38, I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Fairlie, 24th June, 1906.

At a summoned meeting of the brethren of the Gladstone Lodge, No. 38, I.O.O.F., Fairlie, held last evening, the following resolution was passed: "That this lodge places on record its appreciation of the services of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon to the Empire and this colony, and also of his sympathy with and help to the friendly societies of New Zealand."

In instructing me to forward you a copy of the resolution, the brethren also desire me to express their heartfelt sympathy with you in your sad bereavement. They sincerely feel for you and your family. They trust that the messages of consolation which you are receiving from all corners of the Empire may be of some help to you in this time of general mourning, and hope that their little tribute will be accepted.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

CHAS. J. TALBOT, Secretary.

LOYAL GREYMOUTH LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

18th June, 1906.

By resolution of the above lodge, am directed to convey to you our deepest sympathy and condolence in your great bereavement and our colony's loss, for he was truly a giant among the statesmen of the earth, a kind brother of our order, and a beneficent ruler in the affairs of the colony.

But, dear madam, it must be a source of consolation to you and yours, that whatever he undertook his first question was always, "Is it for the public good?" Having settled that in his mind, he would go through with it at all costs.

Again, dear madam, we would express our heartfelt sympathy and condolence with you and yours in your great bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

E. HOPKINS, Secretary.

LOYAL GREYTOWN LODGE, No. 6341, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Greytown, 29th June, 1906.

I am instructed by resolution of the above lodge to convey to you and your family its deepest sympathy to you in your late sad bereavement. Your late dear husband was a member of our order, and one who always took a great interest in our society.

May the knowledge that we all feel we have lost a real friend help you to bear up under the great trouble that has been placed upon you.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

D. P. LOASBY, P.G.M., Secretary.

LOYAL HAMILTON LODGE, No. 7849, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Hamilton, 14th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the above lodge, held last night, the following resolution was passed: "That the Loyal Hamilton Lodge of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, deplores the loss which the colony has sustained by the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., and also the loss the Manchester Unity has suffered in the passing away of so loyal a brother, and expresses its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad and sudden bereavement, and prays that they may in their sorrow be comforted by the God of all comfort."

On behalf of the brethren,

I have, &c.,

J. M. ENERSEN, Permanent Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon and Family, Wellington.

HOKITIKA DISTRICT, I.O.O.F.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 13th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Hokitika District Independent Order of Odd Fellows I sympathize with you and family in your bereavement, and the loss we have sustained in losing a true and faithful brother.

E. J. SMITH, N.G.M.

LOYAL JUBILEE LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Paeroa, 20th June, 1906.

It is by the desire of this lodge I forward you the following resolution of condolence that was passed: "That this regular meeting of the Loyal Jubilee Lodge of Odd Fellows, M.U., A.D., No. 7446, deeply regrets the loss the Empire, the Colony of New Zealand, and the order of Odd Fellows have sustained by the sudden death of our brother, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and offers its most heartfelt sympathy to his widow and family in this their hour of great trial; and that this resolution conveying our sorrow be forwarded by the Permanent Secretary to Mrs. Seddon."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

W. D. NICHOLAS, Permanent Secretary.

LOYAL KARANGAHAKE LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Karangahake, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed by my lodge to convey to you the following resolution which was carried at our meeting last evening: "That this lodge desires to place on record its heartfelt sorrow at the death of our late brother, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to extend to Mrs. Seddon and family sincere sympathy in their sad and sudden bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I remain, &c.,

F. B. DAVIS, Permanent Secretary.

LOYAL MANAWATU LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 25th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Loyal Manawatu Lodge, Palmerston North, to convey to you the following resolution, which was passed at their meeting last Thursday evening: "That this lodge convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy in their bereavement occasioned through the death of our late brother, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Faithfully yours,

T. SALEK, District Secretary.

LOYAL NAPIER LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Napier, 18th June, 1906.

I have been instructed to forward you a copy of a resolution passed by the above lodge at their last meeting—viz.: "The members of the Loyal Napier Lodge, No. 4596, of the Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, learn with sincere and profound regret of the sudden death of their brother, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, whose zeal for the good and welfare of the brotherhood of man was so universally known throughout the civilised world. The departure of the spirit of our late brother to the Grand Lodge, at the present juncture in the affairs of friendly societies in this colony is to be lamented, as his counsel and advice in the proposed legislation for the advancement of the interests of friendly societies would have been of very great advantage in further extending the benefits now granted to their members. The brethren, while desiring to convey their heartfelt sympathy to his sorrowing widow and family, express thankfulness to Almighty God that our dear departed brother was saved from the pain and sorrow of a long or lingering illness, and that they will realise the fact that his memory will ever remain green in the hearts and minds of all classes and creeds of the Empire."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

H. BULL, Secretary.

LOYAL NEWTOWN LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 15th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Loyal Newtown Lodge, No. 7468, M.U.I.O.O.F., to write and convey to you the sincere sympathy of the officers and members towards yourself and family in the irreparable loss that you have sustained in the death of your late and much respected husband the Premier.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

E. W. FISHER, Secretary.

M.U.I.O.O.F., NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

MADAM,—

Christchurch, 26th June, 1906.

The Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows desires to place on record its profound sorrow at the death of the late Premier, and to express heartfelt sympathy with you and your family in your sad bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

CHAS. FOSTER, Provincial C.S.

NORTH WESTLAND DISTRICT, ODD FELLOWS.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Reefton, 21st June, 1906.

OUR hearts, with those of our wives and families, go out this day to you and yours in deepest sympathy. The memory of your illustrious husband will always remain green in our hearts for the good that he has done. We each feel that we have lost a dear personal friend. From North Westland District Odd Fellows.

JAMES AULD, Grand Master.

ODD FELLOWS OF OXFORD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

East Oxford, 18th June, 1906.

THE Odd Fellows of Oxford wish to convey their deepest sympathy with you in your sad bereavement.
SMITH, Trustee.

REEFTON LODGE ODD FELLOWS.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and family, Wellington.

18th June, 1906.

ACCEPT deepest sympathy in your great sorrow from the brethren of the Reefton Lodge Odd Fellows, who feel that they have lost a friend and brother.

WALTER IRVING, Secretary.

LOYAL ROSE OF SHARON LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Upper Hutt, 16th June, 1906.

At to-night's meeting it was resolved that heartfelt sympathy from the members of the Loyal Rose of Sharon Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., be tendered to you and your family in your bereavement.

To the late Premier many members of the lodge were personally known, and by all he was regarded as a model for the motto of the order, "Friendship, Love, and Truth."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

F. W. CONNELL, Permanent Secretary.

LOYAL ROSE OF THE VALLEY LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

MADAM,—

Lower Hutt, 18th June, 1906.

The officers and members of the Loyal Rose of the Valley Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, wish to express their heartfelt sympathy to you and your family in your recent bereavement, and, at the same time, deeply regret the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

GEORGE F. R. HALL, for Permanent Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

LOYAL STAR OF THE WEST LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Orepuki, 29th June, 1906.

I am instructed to inform you that at the meeting of the Loyal Star of the West Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., held on the 26th instant, the following resolution was moved and carried unanimously: "That the members of the lodge desire to place on record their deep grief on the occasion of the death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also beg to tender their sincere sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement."

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

T. D. SUDDALY, Permanent Secretary.

LOYAL TE AWAMUTU LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Te Awamutu, Waikato, 19th June, 1906.

We are directed by the Loyal Te Awamutu Lodge of the I.O.O.F., Manchester Unity, to tender the deep sympathy of the lodge in your sad bereavement. Your late husband was a member of our order of many years' standing, and the lodge feels the loss of so illustrious a brother very keenly.

We trust that yourself and family will be given strength to bear with fortitude your great sorrow.

We are, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

R. F. LAND, N.G.

C. J. BARKER, Secretary.

LOYAL WAIMEA LODGE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Stafford, 15th June, 1906.

AM instructed by the Loyal Waimea Lodge to convey to you our heartfelt sympathy in your great loss and ours by the death of our late brother, your esteemed and loving husband.

BENJAMIN A. TURNER, N.G.

LOYAL WAIPU LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Waipu, 19th June, 1906.

LOYAL Waipu Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., send you their sincerest sympathy in your bereavement.

ANGUS McLENNAN, Secretary.

LOYAL SISTER WALLIS LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 16th June, 1906.

The members of the Loyal Sister Wallis Lodge, of the I.O.O.F.M.U., desire me to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy in the great loss you and our beloved country have sustained by the death of your noble husband.

For the work of our society, in common with others, we know that he always had a warm regard, and we therefore feel that we have lost a valued friend. That he loved his country and us, his people, with an intense and whole-hearted passion, is the pride of all New Zealand to-day. That he has given his life for his country to which he has secured great and humanising privileges, that he has been a faithful steward of his talents, and that he is universally mourned by the nation he loved must be some measure of consolation to you. We trust that these thoughts will help to sustain you in your great trial, and that the sympathy of the people of New Zealand will lessen your grief.

May you and yours long rest in the assurance of Almighty's good guidance.

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

J. AVERY, Secretary.

LOYAL WESTPORT LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Westport, 24th June, 1906.

I am directed by the members of the Loyal Westport Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., to convey their deepest sympathy and condolence with you and family in the death of your husband.

The late Mr. Seddon was a staunch supporter of Odd Fellowship, and we mourn with you in the great loss to yourself and the community at large.

Mr. Seddon had during his lifetime been a member of several lodges, and we join with them in mourning for a great and departed brother.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

We are, &c.,

R. C. HAGEDORN, N.G.

CHAS. REYNOLDS, Secretary.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, U.A.O.D.

DEAR MADAM,—

Hornby, Christchurch, 20th June, 1906.

On behalf of the above lodge I wish to express our heartfelt sympathy on your recent sad bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

W. KERR, Secretary.

No. 6 DISTRICT, U.A.O.D.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

I have been requested to forward to you the following resolution, which was carried unanimously at a meeting held on the 14th June: "This meeting, No. 6 District of Druids, expresses to yourself and family its sincere sympathy in the great loss sustained by the unexpected removal by death of a devoted husband and a loving father. May the great Giver of all good give you comfort and consolation, enabling you to bear your sudden bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. S. DICKSON, District President.

GRAND LODGE OF OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND, U.A.O.D.

MADAM,—

Dunedin, 19th June, 1906.

By the instruction of the board of management of the Grand Lodge of Druids, Otago and Southland, I convey to you their sincerest sympathy with you in the great calamity which has befallen yourself and family in the death of your husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Premier of the colony, and I am directed to express the Board's recognition of the fact that a true friend of friendly societies has passed away.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

DAVID LARNACH, Grand Secretary.

AUCKLAND LODGE, No. 2, U.A.O.D.

MADAM,—

Auckland, 14th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the officers and members of the Auckland Lodge, No. 2, U.A.O.D., to convey to you their deepest sympathy in this your hour of sad bereavement, and we trust our Heavenly Father will comfort and support you in this your time of trouble and sorrow.

With deepest sympathy to yourself and every member of your family.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

WILLIAM HUNTER, Secretary.

ACORN LODGE, No. 4, U.A.O.D.

DEAR MADAM,—

Invercargill, 21st June, 1906.

I am instructed by the above lodge to forward you the following resolution passed on the 20th June, 1906, at the half-yearly meeting: "That the secretary forward to Mrs. R. J. Seddon the deep sympathy of the lodge in her sudden bereavement by the death of her late husband, the Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and indorses all the good said of him, and feel that the masses have lost a friend and sympathizer not easily replaced.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. ANDERSON, Secretary.

ANCHOR LODGE, No. 9, U.A.O.D.

DEAR MADAM,—

Druids' Hall, Woolston, 23rd June, 1906.

We, the members of the Anchor Lodge, desire to tender to you our heartfelt sympathy in your great bereavement, and to express our affectionate regard for our late Premier and our grateful remembrance of all the good things he did for New Zealand.

For the members of the Anchor Lodge,

I remain, &c.,

JOHN RHODES, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

BRUNNER DRUIDS' LODGE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Brunnerton, 18th June, 1906.

THE members of the Brunner Druids' Lodge tender their deepest sympathy to you and your family in your great bereavement. As a friendly society we feel that we have lost a true brother, and as a mining community we have lost our best friend—one whose actions on our behalf has proved his sterling worth.

JOHN WARD, Secretary.

ELLESMERE LODGE, No. 17, U.A.O.D.

MADAM,—

Doyleston, 21st June, 1906.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Ellesmere Lodge, No. 17, U.A.O.D., I am directed to convey to you and your family our deepest sympathy and condolence with you in your recent bereavement in the loss of your husband, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon. I also trust that the many expressions of sympathy which you have received may be the means of softening the blow, for we all feel that the loss of your beloved husband is an irreparable loss to all friendly societies, he always doing his utmost to further the interest of all.

Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

H. QUARTERMAINE, Secretary.

GREYMOUTH DRUIDS' LODGE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 15th June, 1906.

THE members of the Greymouth Druids' Lodge respectfully ask you and the members of your family to accept their sincere sympathy with you in your sad bereavement. As a friendly society we feel we have indeed lost a sincere friend.

HENRY WEST, Secretary.

MAKINO LODGE OF DRUIDS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Feilding, 20th June, 1906.

I have been requested, on behalf of the Makino Lodge of Druids, to convey to you a sincere and heartfelt expression of condolence with yourself and family in the great loss you have sustained by the untimely death of your dearly beloved husband, the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

We trust that in this your hour of affliction your grief will be overcome by the consolation that we all deeply sympathize with you in the loss of one whose labours will be of everlasting benefit to our colony and Empire.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

HENRY R. HILL, Secretary.

MISTLETOE LODGE, No. 3, U.A.O.D.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 12th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the above lodge to forward to you the following resolution passed at the meeting held on the 11th June, 1906: "That this lodge desires to express its sincere and deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their time of great sorrow, and also its deep regret and sorrow in the loss to the country of so able a statesman and true friend of the people of New Zealand."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

G. T. BATLEY, Secretary.

PRIDE OF WAIHI LODGE, No. 20, U.A.O.D.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, and Family.

Waihi, 18th June, 1906.

THE Waihi Lodge of Druids having unanimously passed a motion of sympathy with you and yours in your great loss, I, their secretary, have been directed to forward same to you through our District Grand Secretary, James Mackay.

We feel for you deeply, and as a section of a community, which have honoured and loved our departed friend and Premier, we mourn his loss with you, and extend you our sympathy in this your time of sorrow.

Faithfully yours,

J. J. Box, Secretary.

TOTARA LODGE, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

Carterton, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Totara Lodge to request you, on behalf of that lodge, to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence on the loss they have sustained in the death of our worthy and respected Premier, the Hon. R. J. Seddon, a loss which is deplored throughout the length and breadth of New Zealand as a national misfortune.

On behalf of the officers and brothers of Totara Lodge,

J. Mackay, Esq., D.G., Secretary.

I remain, &c.,

W. W. MANSFIELD, Secretary.

REEFTON LODGE, No. 41, U.A.O.D.

DEAR MADAM,—

Reefton, 18th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Reefton Lodge, No. 41, United Ancient Order of Druids, to convey to you our deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement, and although conscious that our feeble words can in no way recompense you for your sad loss, yet we assure you that our sympathy is heartfelt.

May God give you and your family strength to bear your sad trial, and may he grant to your loved one eternal rest, is the humble prayer of every member of our lodge.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

CHARLES NEVIN, Secretary.

SEDDON LODGE OF DRUIDS, GREYMOUTH.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 15th June, 1906.

THE members of the Seddon Lodge of Druids desire to tender to you and your family their deepest sympathy with you in your saddest of all trials. The sudden removal of your devoted husband is a loss to all friendly societies, who have lost a true friend.

FRANK BROWN, Secretary.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, A.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 15th June, 1906.

I have been directed by the Wellington District Ancient Order of Foresters to convey their deepest sympathy with you and your family in the sad bereavement sustained through the death of your beloved husband.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

DISTRICT SECRETARY.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT, A.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

20th June, 1906.

By direction of the executive of the Auckland District of the Ancient Order of Foresters, I have the honour to convey the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the members of this society to yourself and family on the untimely death of your esteemed husband.

We beg to assure you that the members of this society had great respect for and confidence in him, and can never forget that one of his latest acts before departing from New Zealand on his last eventful mission was to leave, for the consideration of the delegates at the Friendly Societies Conference in Wellington, the details of a scheme to assist those desirous of helping themselves through the medium of friendly societies. He himself was a member of the brotherhood, and his actions proved that he was imbued with the spirit which animates those who recognise they are not here for the gratification of personal desires only.

May the remembrance of his achievements embolden others to follow in the noble work he had mapped out, thus establishing a lasting monument to the name of R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, who so ably and patriotically cared for the people of this colony, and the interests of the Empire generally.

With the assurance of our deepest sympathy, and the hope that He who cares for the widow and the fatherless may assuage the pangs of grief and relieve the burdened spirit.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

D. J. WRIGHT, District Secretary.

FORESTERS OF HAWKE'S BAY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Napier, 15th June, 1906.

THE district executive, on behalf of the Foresters of Hawke's Bay, wish to convey to yourself and family their sincere sympathy, and to say that by the death of your esteemed husband friendly societies generally have lost a staunch friend and supporter.

C. P. LOUND, Secretary.

COURT LOYAL ENTERPRISE, No. 5501, A.O.F.

MADAM,—

Masterton, 29th June, 1906.

I have been requested to convey to you the following resolutions and to express to you our deep sympathy in your sad bereavement: "The meeting of Foresters of Court Loyal Enterprise, A.O.F., desires to place on record its sense of the great loss sustained by the death of our late loved and honoured Premier, Richard John Seddon, whose life has been devoted to the good of humanity, the welfare of 'God's own country,' and the unity of the Empire; and more particularly it is desired to acknowledge the great assistance given to the friendly societies of New Zealand by the late Prime Minister, and his efforts in promoting the welfare of the aged and needy, as instanced in the preparation of a Bill providing for annuities. That the heartfelt sympathy of this meeting of Foresters be offered to Mrs. Seddon and family in their overwhelming loss."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

THOS. DUNCAN, Secretary.

COURT MARQUIS OF NORMANBY, A.O.F., No. 5533.

DEAR MADAM,—

Carterton, 23rd June, 1906.

At a meeting of Court Marquis of Normanby, Ancient Order of Foresters, No. 5533, held on the 20th June, 1906, the following resolution was carried in silence, all members standing: "That the officers and members of this court tender their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

RICHARD J. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

COURT PAHIATUA, A.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Pahiatua, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Court Pahiatua of the Ancient Order of Foresters to convey to you and your family their deepest and most heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow. The loss to the colony by the death of Mr. Seddon is one which will not be easily effaced from the mind of the public.

The friendly societies of the colony are in a special manner indebted to him for much encouragement, and for the promise of a wider sphere of usefulness had he been spared some time longer. The wonderful manifestation of sorrow throughout the Empire must greatly console you in your affliction, and I take this opportunity on behalf of my lodge of adding our tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Seddon and our sympathy with you and your family in your heavy loss.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

G. F. GELDERD, Secretary.

COURT PRIDE OF KUMARA, No. 6272, A.O.F.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Kumara, Westland, 28th June, 1906.

On behalf of the brethren of the above court, I have been instructed to write to you, to tender their heartfelt and deepest sympathy to yourself and family on the deplorable loss of your noble husband, the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

T. T. JONES, Secretary.

TARANAKI DISTRICT, A.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

New Plymouth, 26th June, 1906.

It is the desire of the courts in the Taranaki District, Ancient Order of Foresters, that the officers of the district convey to you and the members of the family their heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

C. TUNBRIDGE, District Secretary.

COURT WAIRARAPA, No. 5354, A.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

June, 1906.

I am directed by the above Court to inform you that at its meeting held yesterday evening a vote of condolence was passed at the loss you have sustained in the demise of your respected husband, the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, P.C., and also the great loss the colony has sustained in losing its chief citizen, and that you have our heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

W. H. DAY, Secretary.

ST. PATRICK'S BRANCH, No. 383, H.A.C.B.S.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Reefton, 18th June, 1906.

The officers and brethren of the Reefton Branch of the H.A.C.B.S. desire to offer yourself and family their sincere sympathy in the sad loss which you have recently sustained by the death of your devoted husband.

We feel that it would be useless to try to offer you words of consolation as none of such could in any way measure for the sad and unexpected blow which has befallen yourself and family, and the whole colony in general. It is, however, consoling in the hour of your deep distress to see so many tributes of respect paid to his memory from friends and associates who have known and respected him throughout the whole of his political career.

As a Catholic body, we feel that in losing Mr. Seddon we have lost a devoted friend and brother, on whom we could always rely in the hour of need, and we can only pray that God will give you strength to bear up under the great blow which has befallen you, and reward him for the many acts of charity and mercy he has performed in this life.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

ANDREW M. CARROLL, Secretary.

GREYMOUTH HIBERNIANA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 16th June, 1906.

On behalf of Greymouth Hiberniana, tender heartfelt sympathy to you and family in the loss of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

JOSEPH TYMONS.

ST. ALOYSIUS'S BRANCH, No. 399, H.A.C.B.S.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington South, 19th June, 1906.

I am requested by the officers and members of the above to ask you to accept the assurance that you have the entire sympathy of this branch in the sad event which has overtaken you and your family.

Mrs. Seddon, Ministerial Residence, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

J. L. MURPHY, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S BRANCH, No. 191, H.A.C.B.S.

DEAR MADAM,—

Leeston, 10th July, 1906.

I have been instructed by the officers and members of the above branch to convey to you our deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement; also to place on record the many services rendered friendly societies throughout the colony by your late beloved husband.

Wishing you health and strength to overcome your trouble.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

P. SLATTERY, Secretary.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH, No. 3, H.A.C.B.S.

DEAR MADAM,—

69, Wallace Street, Wellington City.

At the last branch meeting of the above society a resolution of condolence was passed and I was directed to convey the same to you and your family, at the same time expressing the sympathy of the members at your recent loss through the death of your husband and father.

Mrs. Seddon and family.

I remain, &c.,

K. L. ROBINSON, Secretary.

ST. PATRICK'S BRANCH, No. 95, H.A.C.B.S.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 26th June, 1906.

By resolution passed at our last meeting I was instructed to convey to you the deep sympathy of our members at the terrible loss you have sustained by the death of your late husband.

It was well known that our late Premier took a great interest in the work of friendly societies and we also deplore his loss on that account.

Trusting that God in His infinite goodness will give you increased strength to bear the heavy cross He has sent you.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

J. W. CALLAGHAN, Secretary.

No. 1, LOYAL ORANGE DISTRICT LODGE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Tuam Street, Christchurch, June, 1906.

On behalf of No. 1 Loyal Orange District Lodge I tender to you its deepest sympathy, also your family, in the sad bereavement that has befallen you. The memory of one so highly respected with Orangemen will ever be green in our thoughts.

Trusting the great Giver of all will give you strength to bear the heavy weight of sorrow that has befallen you.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

E. SAPEY, District Secretary.

HASTINGS FEMALE LOYAL ORANGE LODGE, No. 5.

Mrs. Seddon.

Hastings, 13th June, 1906.

THE local branch of the Female Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 5, desire to express to you their deepest heartfelt sympathy in this your time of trouble caused by the sudden death of your beloved husband, and pray that you and your family may be sustained through it all by Him who has promised never to forsake us in the hour of trial.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. A. F. DILLON, Secretary.

LILY OF THE SOUTH TENT, FEMALE RECHABITES.

DEAR MADAM,—

Invercargill, 27th June, 1906.

At the fortnightly meeting of our tent, the officers and members present passed the following resolution: "This tent desires to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their recent bereavement, caused by the death of our beloved late Premier. As women taking an active part in friendly society work in Southland, we realise and appreciate the grand work the late Premier has done for New Zealand, and as a benefit society have always felt that his sympathies were with us in assisting our fellow-creatures."

Kindly accept our sincerest sympathy. On behalf of the Lily of the South Tent, Female Rechabites,
I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

ELLEN M. SMITH, Secretary.

MURIHIKU TENT, No. 27, I.O.R.

DEAR MADAM,—

Invercargill, 25th June, 1906.

At a fortnightly meeting of our lodge, held last Friday, the following resolution was passed, and we were instructed by those present to convey it to you: "This lodge desires to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in the recent bereavement caused by the death of our late Premier."

As a friendly society we realise that we have had every assistance and sympathy from the late Premier. We greatly deplore his loss to you and the whole colony, and ask you to accept our sincerest sympathy.

We remain, &c.,

R. MCCREATH, Chief Ruler.

J. H., Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

UNITY TENT, I.O.R.

DEAR MADAM,—

New Plymouth, 14th June, 1906.

I am requested to convey to you the following resolution passed at the meeting of the Unity Tent, I.O.R., on the 12th instant: "The officers and members of the Unity Tent, I.O.R., desire to place on record their profound sorrow at the loss this colony has sustained through the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, a statesman of high degree and keen foresight, and expresses to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincere sympathy in their sad hour of bereavement."

I am, &c.,

J. WHITAKER, Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon.

PRIDE OF AUCKLAND LODGE, No. 80.

DEAR MADAM,—

Summer Street, Ponsonby, Auckland, 19th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the members of the Good Templars Lodge, named the Pride of Auckland, located in this city, to extend to you and your family, wherever they may be, our sympathy and condolence with you at this time at the sad and irreparable loss—such loss not being only yours, but a national loss, as all deplore this loss—but New Zealand has lost that which I am doubtful she will never again have such a faithful, forward man. One thing I must mention, that was the passing of an Act by him for the old-age pensioners, who will never forget, and it is hoped this work, at any rate, will never be erased from the statute-book. Your dear husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, will ever be held up as New Zealand's most prominent statesman by me as long as I live.

In conclusion I trust that Almighty God will be with you and yours to the end of time.

I remain, &c.,

GEO. W. WILCOCK, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS, TAURANGA.

DEAR MADAM,—

12th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the above to convey to you their unanimous expression of condolence in this your deep grief, and to assure you of the deepest sympathy felt for you and family.

We share with you the grief caused by the loss of him who ever sought the welfare and the betterment of his fellow-man. Truly his life was spent in endeavouring to mitigate the difficulties of life, especially in the interests of working-class.

May the great Eternal Comforter be your stay in this time of severe trial.

I have, &c.,

J. B. CHAPPELL, Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

WELLINGTON BRANCH, SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF TEMPERANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

29 Roxburgh Street, Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Wellington Branch of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy and condolence in your very sad bereavement.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

J. PATTEN, Secretary.

NAPIER-TARANAKI RAILWAY SICK BENEFIT SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Aramoho, Wanganui, 10th July, 1906.

At the half-yearly general meeting of the above society a sincere vote of sympathy was passed to yourself and family at the sad and irreparable loss you have sustained by the death of your noble husband and father, and the secretary was instructed to forward you a letter of condolence.

It is the general feeling of our large number of members that we have lost a true friend and counsellor. We are deeply indebted to him for the true sympathy and assistance he has given to us to carry on the noble work our society is engaged in of ministering to the wants of the sick and suffering. As a body of public servants we feel grateful to him and the Government of which he was the head for so many years for the many improvements he has made in the service for the betterment of the workers.

It is our earnest wish that God in his mercy will temper this severe blow to you and those near and dear to you and that strength will be given to you all to bear up under this sad and painful loss you have sustained.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

W. PEPPER, Wellington.

JOHN KNOX LODGE, PROTESTANT ALLIANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Roseneath, Wellington, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed, on behalf of the members of the above society in Wellington, at their quarterly meeting held last evening, to convey to you and the members of your family their sincere sympathy in the sad bereavement you have sustained by the death of your husband and father—one who for so many years has held the confidence of the people of this colony, and whom indeed the people delighted to honour.

As members of a friendly society we cannot but remember that one of his last acts in the colony was his memorandum to the late conference in relation to the working of these societies.

Praying that you may be sustained in your great loss by Him who has said, He would be the Father of the fatherless and the Husband of the widow.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I remain, &c.,

JAMES MCLACHLAN, Secretary.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

UNITED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

On behalf of the united friendly societies of the colony, I wish to express the heartfelt and fraternal regret of our many thousands of members at the untimely demise of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon.

We are proud to think that one who so indelibly engraved his name on the scroll of fame and history was a friendly society member.

The memory of our illustrious brother will always be associated with the honoured office of Past Grand Master, and thus a permanent memorial will live in the annals of the friendly societies of the colony.

The deceased Premier's sympathetic interest in our special work has earned our lasting appreciation and thanks, and will greatly augment the deep sense of loss we feel we have sustained at the sad termination of his brilliant career.

To the bereaved members of the dead statesman's household we tender our sincere sympathy and condolence in their sorrow.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

A. LEIGH HUNT, President.

NEW ZEALAND BRANCH M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

The officers and members of the above society desire to express their deep sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Seddon and family in the sore bereavement they have sustained, and to testify to their high appreciation of Mr. Seddon's life and work, and to the assistance that he has at all times given not only to our society, of which he was an honoured member, but to the friendly society movement generally.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

J. KERSHAW, C.S.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT M.U.I.O.O.F.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Upper Queen Street, Auckland, 14th June, 1906.

THE members Auckland District Manchester Unity Odd Fellows friendly society desire to express their deep regret at the calamity which has befallen the colony by the Premier's sad and untimely death, and tender the expression of their condolence to his dear wife and children in their affliction.

JOHN MCLEOD, District Secretary.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT, M.U.I.O.O.F.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Christchurch, 13th June, 1906.

CANTERBURY Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, desire to express sincere sympathy with Government in the great loss to the colony through death of Premier.

CHAS. FOSTER, Provincial C.S.

NEW ZEALAND EXECUTIVE, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Grand Master's Office, Dunedin, 14th June, 1906.

We would ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the following resolution passed by our order through its executive: "The executive of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of New Zealand desire respectfully to convey to Mrs. Seddon their heartfelt sympathy with her in her sad and tragic bereavement." We have recognised, as have all other societies in New Zealand; not only Mr. Seddon's strong appreciation of the good work done by our societies, but his earnest desire as an Odd Fellow and as a ruler to assist in every way in their efforts towards the moral and material betterment of the people. It will be pleasing to us all to remember in years to come that almost his last thoughts and last actions were directed towards our societies and their welfare."

We would also desire to convey to yourself, and to your colleagues, our warmest sympathy in the loss of your beloved friend and chief.

We are, &c.,

D. M. MILLER, G.M.

WM. REID, G.S.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

NELSON DISTRICT, M.U.I.O.O.F.

(Telegram.)

The Premier, Wellington.

Nelson, 18th June, 1906.

THE Nelson District, M.U.I.O.O.F., desires to tender its sincere sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, late Premier of this colony, and also to express its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement.

A. R. SMART, Secretary.

ODD FELLOWS OF SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Invercargill, 15th June, 1906.

CONVEY to Mrs. Seddon and family heartfelt sympathy from Southland District of Odd Fellows.

JAMES WALKER.

M. MAIR.

LOYAL ALFRED LODGE, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Oamaru, 17th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Alfred Lodge held on Monday night the lodge instructed me to write to you as follows: "That this lodge sympathizes with you on account of the sudden and lamentable death of our Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, your colleague. Though not taking any steps in political affairs, we felt we could not pass over your loss and the colony's loss without an expression of our fervent sympathy."

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

WALTER GIBB, Secretary.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

146 Hereford Street, Linwood, Christchurch, 21st June, 1906.

At the quarterly summoned meeting of the above lodge the following resolution was carried, the members standing: "That you be respectfully requested to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the sincere sympathy of the North Canterbury District, I.O.O.F., in their sad bereavement, and that we express our deep regret at the great loss the friendly societies and the colony generally have sustained by the death of the Premier, the Hon. R. J. Seddon."

On behalf of the North Canterbury District.

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

WM. HUNTER, Secretary.

CITY OF NORWICH LODGE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Lyttelton, 14th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon deepest sympathy and regret from City of Norwich Lodge, Lyttelton.

FOSTER, Secretary.

LOYAL EGMONT LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

New Plymouth, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour to convey to you the following resolution passed at a meeting of the lodge held last evening: "That the heartfelt sympathy of this lodge be tendered to the widow and family of our late brother, Past Grand R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, for their sudden and sad bereavement, and our deep sense of the loss sustained by the colony and the friendly societies by the death of our esteemed brother."

Personally, I feel that the friendly societies have lost their best friend—one who thoroughly understood their objects, and was always willing and anxious to legislate for their best interests.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

H. T. AINSWORTH, Permanent Secretary.

HAND AND HEART LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

SIR,—

Odd Fellows' Hall, Stuart Street, Dunedin, 18th June, 1906.

I have been instructed to forward you a copy of a resolution which was carried at a lodge meeting recently held: "The members of the Loyal Hand and Heart Lodge of the M.U.I.O.O.F. join in the universal sorrow and regret at the mournful intelligence of the pathetic close of the distinguished career of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. This lodge, one of the earliest founded branches of a friendly society in New Zealand, deploras the loss of so distinguished a member of friendly societies as the late Premier, and recognises the interest he constantly took in friendly society affairs and remembers that some of his last thoughts and acts were given to questions pertaining to their welfare and progress. The lodge further desires to record its deepest sympathy with the widow and family of the late Premier, in this their time of affliction."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JAMES BROWN, Secretary.

LOYAL JOHN LEYDON LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

SIR,—

Waihi, 21st June, 1906.

I beg to submit to you the following resolution, which was passed at our half-yearly meeting held last night: "That this lodge places on record its profound sense of sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and appreciation of his life's work in the interests of friendly societies, and extends to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

H. E. J. REA, Secretary.

LOYAL KAIAPOI LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Kaiapoi, 13th June, 1906.

THE Loyal Kaiapoi Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., desires to express its deepest sympathy with the bereaved family.

D. BROWN, N.G.

LINDA REBEKAH LODGE, No. 1, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Roslyn, Dunedin, 23rd June, 1906.

I am directed by the officers and members of the Linda Rebekah Lodge to forward you the following resolution passed at its meeting on Friday, the 22nd June, 1906: "That the lodge desires to express its appreciation of the many valuable services rendered by the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, in connection with the affairs of this colony, and expresses its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

C. M. WILKINSON, Secretary.

LINDEN LODGE, No. 19, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Roslyn, Dunedin, 28th June, 1906.

By direction of the officers and members of Linden Lodge, No. 19, I.O.O.F., I beg to forward you a copy of resolution passed at the last meeting: "That this lodge deploras the loss which the colony has sustained by the lamentable death of the Hon. R. J. Seddon, and expresses the deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their bereavement."

With kind regards,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JAMES S. NELSON, Secretary.

LYTTELTON DISTRICT, ODD FELLOWS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Lyttelton, 13th June, 1906.

THE Lyttelton District Manchester United, as the parent of Oddfellowship in Canterbury, wish to convey their sympathy at the death of the Hon. R. J. Seddon who, as an Odd Fellow and one of New Zealand's greatest men, will ever live in the memory of those to whom New Zealand is a home.

J. P. EAMES, *pro* Grand Master.

LOYAL MANAIA LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Manaia, 4th July, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of this lodge, held on the 3rd instant, the following resolution was passed: "That this lodge wishes to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great loss in the death of the late Right Hon. R. Seddon, and to place upon record their keen appreciation of his sympathy towards benefit societies, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Hall-Jones for conveyance to Mrs. Seddon and family."

I trust that you will convey the contents of the above resolution to Mrs. Seddon and family.

I have, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

A. S. TENNETT, P.S.

MASTERTON LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

HONOURED SIR,—

Masterton, 19th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Masterton Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U., held last evening, I was instructed to intimate to you that the resolution mentioned below was passed and recorded in the lodge's books. I was also requested to forward to you a copy of such resolution.

At the meeting eulogistic reference was made to the late Premier in connection with his life's work for the colony and the Empire. He had at heart the welfare of the friendly societies, and had he been spared amongst us a little longer the societies would no doubt have greatly benefited by the proposals he intended to bring before Parliament.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

W. CHAS. PERRY, Secretary.

(Copy of Resolution.)

"That this lodge places on record its profound sense of sorrow at the death of the Prime Minister of New Zealand, and its appreciation of his life's work in the interests of the colony and the Empire, and also expresses its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their irreparable loss."

LOYAL NAPIER LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Napier, 18th June, 1906.

I have been instructed to forward to you a copy of a resolution passed by the above lodge at their last meeting, viz.: "The members of the Loyal Napier Lodge, No. 4596, of the Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, learn with sincere and profound regret of the sudden death of their brother, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, whose zeal for the good and welfare of the brotherhood of man was so universally known throughout the civilised world. The departure of the spirit of our late brother to the Grand Lodge at the present juncture in the affairs of friendly societies in this colony is to be lamented as his counsel and advice in the proposed legislation for the advancement of the interests of friendly societies would have been of very great advantage in further extending the benefits now granted to their members. The brethren, while desiring to convey their heartfelt sympathy to his sorrowing widow and family, express thankfulness to Almighty God that our dear departed brother was saved from the pain and sorrow of a long and lingering illness, and that they will realise the fact that his memory will ever remain green in the hearts and minds of all classes and creeds of the empire."

I am, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

H. BULL, Secretary.

NATIONAL I.O.O.F., AUCKLAND.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 12th June, 1906.

SIR,—The National Independent Order of Odd Fellows express their regret at the loss of the late Premier, and convey to the Government their condolences.

J. T. B. DINES, P.G.M., Auckland.

NORTHERN WAIROA LODGE, AMERICAN ODD FELLOWS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Tatarariki, 14th June, 1906.

NORTHERN Wairoa Lodge, American Odd Fellows, greatly sympathize with you and late Premier's family in the great loss sustained by you and them, the colony, and friendly societies by the death of the Hon. R. J. Seddon.

R. ARMIGER, Secretary.

NORTH WESTLAND DISTRICT, M.U.I.O.O.F.

SIR,—

Westport, 22nd June, 1906.

On behalf of the North Westland District, M.U., I have taken the liberty to forward to Mrs. Seddon and family, through you, a few words of sympathy in their sad bereavement. I should be much pleased if you would read the words and then have them sent to Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

WM. SLOAN.

OTAGO DISTRICT, M.U.I.O.O.F.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Dunedin, 12th June, 1906.

THE Otago District, Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows, expresses its great regret at the severe loss to the colony by the untimely death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and extends to the Ministry its deepest sympathy. To the members of his family one can but say it is sad at any time to lose those near and dear to us, but how hard it is under the present circumstances only the bereaved hearts can tell.

J. A. HOPCRAFT, Provincial Corresponding Secretary.

LOYAL OUTRAM LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

SIR,—

Outram, 19th June, 1906.

At the half-yearly summoned meeting of the Loyal Outram Lodge, No. 6173, Otago District, M.U.I.O.O.F., there were a large number of members present, and on the lodge being opened and before the business was begun it was moved and carried unanimously (the members standing), "That the secretary convey to the Government our sincere regret at the sudden call of the late Premier, the Hon. R. J. Seddon."

The colony has lost a great leader of men and measures, and a true friend of the poor and helpless, and a wise statesman, and our lodge would be very pleased if you would convey to his sorrowing wife and family our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this time of sore trial and bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

JOHN GRANT, Secretary.

OWAKA LODGE, I.O.O.F.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Owaka, 19th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Owaka Lodge, I.O.O.F., I desire to express heartfelt sympathy with the colony generally in the loss sustained by the death of our illustrious Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. Mr. Seddon was well known in this district, and we feel we have lost a true friend.

DAVID WRATTEN, N.G.

LOYAL PETONE LODGE M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Petone, 15th June, 1906.

I am directed to forward you the following resolution passed by the above lodge at their meeting last evening, viz: "The members of the Loyal Petone Lodge, 6542, M.U.I.O.O.F., New Zealand Branch, desire to place on record their deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., and trust they will be given strength to bear the affliction cast upon them, and may their sorrow be alleviated by the knowledge that their grief is shared by the whole of the colony, which has lost a great statesman and a faithful friend."

I am, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

C. W. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

SOUTHERN CROSS LODGE, No. 24, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 16th June, 1906.

Will you be good enough to convey to Mrs. Seddon from the members of the Southern Cross Lodge their deepest sympathy with her and the members of her family in the sore affliction which has befallen them through the death of Mr. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

FRED J. EVANS, Secretary.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE.

SIR,—

Nelson, 22nd June, 1906.

At a meeting of the above lodge held last evening the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this lodge desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deep sympathy and sorrow on account of their recent sore bereavement; and to express their opinion that the loss sustained by the colony in the death of Mr. Seddon, its premier statesman, is second only to their own personal and irreparable loss."

Will you kindly have the above resolution forwarded to Mrs. Seddon.

I remain, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

JAMES McEACHEN, Hon. Secretary.

STAR OF ANGLESEA LODGE.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Lincoln, 13th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family expressions of deepest sympathy at Mr. Seddon's death from the members of the Star of Anglesea Lodge, Lincoln.

STAR OF CANTERBURY LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Timaru, 26th June, 1906.

At the meeting of the lodge held on the 20th instant I was instructed to ask you to convey the following resolution to the widow of our late Premier: "That this lodge desires to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family for the loss of one who took such a lively interest in, and worked so hard for, the furtherance of friendly societies in New Zealand."

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain, &c.,

J. R. TAIT, Secretary.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

LOYAL STRATFORD LODGE, No. 7635, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

17th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Loyal Stratford Lodge, No. 7635, I am instructed to ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon the heartfelt sympathy of this lodge in her hour of sorrow and affliction. We looked on the late Hon. Mr. Seddon with feelings of affection as one who looked after our interests all the time.

Trusting that time, the great healer, will alleviate her sorrow.

Believe me, &c.,

C. D. SOLE, Deputy District Grand Master.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

LOYAL TIMARU LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Timaru, 15th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Odd Fellows of Timaru we desire to express our deep sorrow at the irreparable loss sustained not only by this colony, but the whole Empire, through the death of our brother, the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon.

We respectfully ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon our heartfelt sympathy in the great bereavement she has been called upon so suddenly to bear.

Anything we can say does but inadequately express our feelings with regard to the splendid services rendered to New Zealand by the late Premier. He has served his country well and his work will ever live in our memory.

We are, &c.,

W. M. NISBET, Noble Grand.

WM. EICHBAUM, Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

LOYAL TUAPEKA PIONEER LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Lawrence, 14th July, 1906.

At the last meeting of the Tuapeka Pioneer Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., the following resolution was unanimously agreed to, and a request made that I send same through you to Mrs. Seddon and family. Kindly therefore convey the resolution to Mrs. Seddon: "That the members of this lodge place on record their deep sense of the loss that this colony and the British Empire have sustained in the sad and sudden death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and also in a special degree the friendly societies of this colony, and more so the order which we represent, and of which the deceased statesman was so worthy and distinguished a brother. That a copy of this resolution further conveying the profound and heartfelt sympathy of this lodge be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon and family in their inexpressibly sad bereavement."

By order of the lodge.

THOMAS VILLING, N.G. and Acting-Secretary.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

LODGES OF WANGANUI DISTRICT, M.U.I.O.O.F.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 14th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the members and lodges of the Wanganui District, Independent Order Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, please accept and convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deep sympathy and condolence upon the death of our respected and beloved brother and patriot the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

J. SALEK, District Secretary.

LOYAL WOODEND LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

22nd June, 1906.

I am requested by my lodge to forward to you a copy of this resolution passed at our meeting held last night: "That the Loyal Woodend Lodge of the M.U.I.O.O.F., Ashley District, New Zealand Branch, desires to express its sense of the great loss sustained by the colony and the friendly societies by the sudden death of P.G. Bro. Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Prime Minister of New Zealand, and to express its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family.

I remain, &c.,

S. H. GRIFFITHS, Secretary.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

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LOYAL BUNNYTHORPE LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Bunnythorpe, 20th June, 1906.

The following was moved at our last meeting: "That the members of this lodge express their deep regret at the news of the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, and place on record their high appreciation of his endeavours to benefit friendly societies; and that this motion be forwarded to Mr. W. T. Wood with the request that it be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon.

W. T. Wood, Esq., M.H.R., Palmerston North.

Yours, &c.,

DUNCAN REID, Permanent Secretary.

LOYAL MARLBOROUGH LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Blenheim, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed by a resolution of the above lodge to request you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the expression of heartfelt sympathy of the members of this lodge at the loss sustained through the sudden and unexpected death of their late husband and father, our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

The late Hon. Bro. R. J. Seddon had long been a most energetic member of the order, and always took a lively interest in the working of the lodges, and his loss is greatly deplored.

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

A. J. MACLOINE, N.G.

GRAND LODGE OF OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND, U.A.O.D.

SIR,—

14 Bond Street, Dunedin, 19th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Grand Lodge of Druids, Otago and Southland, to convey to you the sincere regret of the order in this district, representing some two thousand brethren, at the loss which the colony has sustained in the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

In the opinion of the Grand Lodge, the friendly societies of the colony have lost one of their staunchest friends and advocates.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

DAVID LARNACH, D.G., Secretary.

No. 31 DISTRICT, U.A.O.D.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Napier, 19th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey the sincere sympathy of the No. 31 District of Druids to Mrs. Seddon and family in their late sad bereavement.

H. YARRALL, District Secretary.

ENTERPRISE LODGE, U.A.O.D.

SIR,—

South Dunedin, 22nd June, 1906.

I have been instructed to forward to you the following resolution: "That the members of the Enterprise Lodge, U.A.O.D. of Otago and Southland District, record their high appreciation of the great services rendered to the colony and empire by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and especially for those humanitarian measures founded on benevolence, philanthropy, and thrift. They also desire to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family their profoundest sympathy at the sad and sudden bereavement of an honoured and distinguished husband and father."

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

WILLIAM WARDROP, Secretary.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 20th June, 1906.

I am instructed by my lodge to ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our sympathy and condolence in their bereavement.

In unison with other friendly societies, we feel that a true and sincere friend has been removed from our midst, as one of his final acts prior to this visit to Australia was to endeavour to improve the financial status of the friendly societies of New Zealand.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

FRANK JENNINGS.

HOPE OF ST. ALBANS LODGE, No. 2, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR,—

St. Albans, 13th June, 1906.

At last night's half-yearly meeting of the above lodge, the undermentioned resolution was passed unanimously, and ordered to be forwarded to you with a request that you will forward it to Mrs. Seddon: "That this lodge place on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Premier, Mr. Richard John Seddon, and expresses its deep sympathy with his bereaved family."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

T. WALKER, Secretary.

IVANHOE LODGE, U.A.O.D.

HONoured SIR,—

Dunedin, 11th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the Ivanhoe Lodge, U.A.O.D., to convey heartfelt sympathy at the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

The news has cast quite a gloom over us all.

I have, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

E. A. GIBSON, Secretary.

INGLEWOOD LODGE, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR,—

Inglewood, Taranaki, 18th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the Inglewood Lodge, U.A.O.D., I beg you to convey our heartfelt condolence and sympathy in the irreparable bereavement Mrs. Seddon and family have been called upon to bear.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

GEORGE BIRD, Secretary.

LODGE LILY OF BURWOOD, U.A.O.D.

SIR,—

Lancaster Street, Christchurch, 15th June, 1906.

Lodge Lily of Burwood, No. 20, U.A.O.D., desires to place on record its deep regret at the loss sustained through the death of our late Prime Minister.

The striking personality of the great statesman who has passed away impressed itself on the people, and friendly societies in particular. Had he lived a few years longer he would have made his beloved colony "God's own country."

The members of the Lily of Burwood, U.A.O.D., deeply sympathize with the widow and family in their sad bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mr. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

C. CARPENTER, Secretary.

NAUMUI LODGE, U.A.O.D.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Motueka, 15th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon the following resolution passed last evening: "That this meeting of Lodge Naumui, U.A.O.D., hears with regret of the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great loss, and that this lodge places on record its high appreciation of the many services rendered to friendly societies by the deceased statesman."

GEO. H. BUDDEN, Secretary.

OROUA LODGE, U.A.O.D.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Palmerston North, 15th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family Oroua Lodge Druids' sympathy.

C. RUSH.

PIONEER LODGE, No. 1, U.A.O.D.

HONoured SIR,—

Christchurch, 18th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the officers and members of the above lodge to kindly request you to convey to the widow and family of our late Premier, the Hon. R. J. Seddon, the sense of sorrow they feel, and the deep sympathy they desire to express, with them in their sudden and sad bereavement.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. SWINNERTON, Secretary.

PONEKE LODGE, No. 21, U.A.O.D.

SIR,—

Petone, 19th June, 1906.

The members of the Poneke Lodge of Druids desire you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our heartfelt sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, and the loss to the country of our late illustrious Premier.

BRO. W. BROWNHILL, Provincial Secretary.

The Hon. Hall-Jones.

BRO. J. W. LIST, Arch-Druid.

ALL NATIONS LODGE, No. 172, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at the meeting of All Nations Lodge, No. 172, U.A.O.D., held in the Friendly Societies' Hall, Port Chalmers, last evening, the following minute was passed, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to you: "That this lodge of Druids sincerely regrets the sudden death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, recognising the deep interest the deceased gentleman took in friendly societies, and the great loss sustained by the colony through the sudden removal of such an able statesman; and that the lodge also begs to express its deepest sympathy with the bereaved widow and family."

Words simply fail to express our feelings, and we can only beg of you, sir, to accept our sympathy on behalf of the Government and Mrs. Seddon and her family.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

WM. GIBB, Secretary.

TAKAKA LODGE, No. 52, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR,—

25th June, 1906.

At the last meeting of this lodge, held on the 21st June, the following resolution was passed :
 " That this lodge desires to express the great sorrow of its members at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and further, to forward to Mrs. Seddon and family the respectful sympathy of the brotherhood."

We shall be very much obliged to you if you will kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon the deep and respectful sympathy we feel at the loss of one whom we have always looked upon as a friend and protector.

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES B. SAD, Secretary.

TRAFALGAR LODGE, U.A.O.D.

SIR,—

Kaiapoi, 15th June, 1906.

I have been directed by my lodge to convey to you resolution carried in silence at lodge meeting held on the 14th June, 1906 : " That the members of the Trafalgar Lodge of Druids express their deep distress at news of Premier's death and heartfelt sympathy with his family, and place on record their deep sense of the loss sustained by the colony by his lamented death."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

WM. ROBB, Secretary.

TRAFALGAR LODGE, No. 40, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR,—

Wakefield, 16th June, 1906.

I am requested to forward you a copy of resolution that was carried unanimously by this lodge : " That, on behalf of the members of this lodge, they desire to express their most profound feeling of regret at the sudden and untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Privy Councillor, the distinguished Premier of New Zealand, and honorary member of the United Ancient Order of Druids ; and further, that this lodge tenders its most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his most beloved wife, Mrs. Seddon, and his family."

Mr. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

A. HOULT, Secretary.

WANGANUI DRUIDS LODGE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. William Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 19th June, 1906.

DRUID Lodge desire you convey Mrs. Seddon their deep regret at the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and respectfully tender their deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family.

WILLIS, Secretary.

DAVIDSON, Arch-Druid.

CANTERBURY UNITED DISTRICT, OF A.O.F.

HONOURED SIR,—

Christchurch, 16th June, 1906.

I am directed by the executive officers of the Canterbury United District of the A.O.F. to ask if you will kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the profound sorrow and regret of the officers and the members of the order in Canterbury at the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to express their heartfelt sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

The members of the above order desire to state that they feel the loss more keenly in consequence of one of the last acts of the late Premier in sending a draft copy of his Bill to the conference of Friendly Societies, lately held in Wellington, in which he showed his goodness, kindness, and large-heartedness in endeavouring to assist, comfort, and better the position of the aged members of friendly societies and others generally.

We remain, &c.,

W. G. WARD, D.C.R.

W. TURVEY, D.S.C.R.

W. H. ROBINSON, D.B.

T. GAPES, Permanent Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

NELSON DISTRICT, A.O.F.

SIR,—

Nelson, 15th June, 1906.

It was with the deepest regret that the Foresters of the Nelson District (comprising ten courts) heard of the death of our highly esteemed Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. They recognise that the deceased statesman ever evinced much sympathy for the aged, sick, and distressed ; and such, by his death, have lost one of their truest and ablest friends.

Please convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the united sympathy of our members in their heavy bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

ROBERT HUNTER, District Secretary.

UNITED OTAGO DISTRICT, A.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

District Chambers, Dunedin, 14th June, 1906.

On behalf of the three thousand members comprising the United Otago District, Ancient Order of Foresters, I have to convey to you and your Government our sincere regrets at the untimely death of the late Premier, the Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Knowing that he took a deep interest in friendly-society work we realise that not only has the colony lost its foremost statesman, but friendly societies generally have lost in him a warm friend.

We would be pleased if you would convey to the sorrowing widow and family our heartfelt sympathy in their time of trouble.

The Hon. William Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

JAMES MACFIE, District Secretary.

TARANAKI DISTRICT, A.O.F.

HONOURABLE SIR,—

New Plymouth, 26th June, 1906.

At a request from the courts in the Taranaki District, Ancient Order of Foresters, the officers of the district have been asked to forward to you the following resolution: "That the courts of the Taranaki District, Ancient Order of Foresters, desire to place on record the loss sustained by friendly societies in New Zealand through the death of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon, and that a letter of condolence be sent through the district to his widow and family."

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

C. TRUSBRIDGE, District Secretary.

COURT ROBIN HOOD, No. 3991, A.O.F.

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 23rd June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of Court Robin Hood, Ancient Order of Foresters, I have the honour to inform you that the following resolution was carried at a summoned meeting of the court held on the 19th instant: "We desire to give utterance to our deep sense of the irreparable loss sustained by this colony in the death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D. We as workmen feel that we have lost our best friend. We trusted the Premier, and our trust was not betrayed. In small matters, as in great public affairs, the welfare of the manual worker was ever kept in mind by him, and in a hundred ways the life of the toiler was brightened and his burden lightened by our large-hearted Premier. By his old-age pension scheme, but one of many benefactions, he removed an ever-present fear from the minds of thousands of the deserving poor, and, alas, he died ere completing an even more far-reaching and satisfactory antidote to the haunting dread of old age that obsesses the minds of the poor. But no words of ours could do justice to his benevolent designs for the helping of men. We conclude, therefore, by expressing our heartfelt sympathy with his bereaved wife and family, and hope that the grief in which this colony is plunged may, by showing the love and admiration felt by an entire nation for their departed husband and father, tend to lighten their grief."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS SCOLLAY, Secretary.

COURT SOUTHERN CROSS, A.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Foresters' Hall, Timaru, 22nd June, 1906.

The following is a copy of the resolution passed by our court at the last meeting, touching our late Premier's untimely death, viz: "That this court desires to place on record its deep sense of sorrow and regret at the loss sustained by the brotherhood of the colony and the empire through the untimely death of our illustrious Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and wishes to convey to Mrs. Seddon and members of her family its deepest sympathy and condolence on the irreparable loss of a loving husband and affectionate father.

On behalf of the brethren,

I have, &c.,

T. HARRIS, Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

COURT THISTLE OF THE FOREST, A.O.F.

SIR,—

Sydenham, 26th June, 1906.

The members of our court at its last meeting instructed me to ask you to be good enough to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family our very sincere sympathy with them in their heavy affliction, and we trust that He, who is the Father of all, may in His infinite love and pity fulfil in their cases the promises he has made to the widow and fatherless.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

W. D. MARKS, Secretary.

FORESTERS OF WAIHI.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Waihi, 21st June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the sincere sympathy of each and every Forester of Waihi.

DAVID MORGAN, Secretary.

WAITEKAURI FORESTERS COURT.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Waikino, 18th June, 1906.

THE members of the Waitekauri Foresters Court desire you to express their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their late sad bereavement.

FORESTERS OF WANGANUI.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 21st June, 1906.

MEETING Foresters, Wanganui, last evening instructed me ask you convey Mrs. Seddon and family their sympathy in the sad loss friendly societies have sustained through the death of our Premier.

B. PRICE, Secretary.

COURT MANAWATU, No. 5655, A.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Palmerston North, 12th June, 1906.

I am instructed by members of Court Manawatu, No. 5655, to convey through you to Mrs. Seddon and family the deepest sympathy and regret at the sad bereavement sustained by the loss of so illustrious a man as the Premier of New Zealand. He was a man of sterling worth and a friend of all friendly societies, and worked hard for their good.

Mr. W. T. Wood, M.H.R., Palmerston North.

Yours, &c.,

ALFRED J. FORTH, Secretary.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 16th June, 1906.

I have been requested to forward to you the following resolution passed by the district officers and members of the Independent Order of Rechabites: "That a letter be sent to the Acting-Premier expressing the sympathy of the whole district towards Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement."

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. H. FRASER, District Secretary.

CARTERTON RECHABITE TENT.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Carterton, 19th June, 1906.

CARTERTON Rechabite Tent deeply sympathizes with Mrs. Seddon, and mourns loss of a friend.

EXCELSIOR TENT, No. 19, I.O.R.

SIR,—

15th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the members of Excelsior Tent, No. 19, I.O.R., Wellington, to request you to convey their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad sorrow.

Our late Premier's great services to the cause of temperance and the interest he manifested in friendly societies in general will long be gratefully remembered by our order.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

W. JAS. GAUDIN, Secretary.

RECHABITES OF FEILDING.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Feilding, 12th June, 1906.

FEILDING Rechabites wish to express their deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family.

SECRETARY.

PRIDE OF CHRISTCHURCH TENT, I.O.R.

SIR,—

Mill Road, Christchurch, 21st June, 1906.

At the quarterly meeting of the Pride of Christchurch Tent, Independent Order of Rechabites, the following resolution was carried: "That the members of this society desire to place on record their sincere regret at the loss sustained by the death of our late Premier."

Would you kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon our sincere sympathy with her in her great loss.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Prime Minister, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

R. H. TAYLOR, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND EXECUTIVE, H.A.C.B.S.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 13th June, 1906.

SIR,—At a meeting of the executive of the New Zealand District, Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, held Hibernian Hall, Wellington Street, Auckland, last evening, the following resolution was carried: "That this council in meeting assembled place on record its profound sense of sorrow at the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Seddon, New Zealand's beloved Prime Minister, and the friendly societies' powerful advocate. It is with deep sorrow, on behalf of the Hibernians of New Zealand, we offer our heartfelt regret and unspeakable grief to Mrs. Seddon and family. We pray that God in his goodness may sustain and comfort her and family in this hour of unexpected bereavement."

P. J. NERHENY, President.

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH, H.A.C.B.S.

DEAR SIR,—

St. Patrick's, Christchurch, 19th June, 1906.

I beg to convey to you the following resolution, which was passed at a meeting of the above society last evening: "That the members of the H.A.C.B.S., Christchurch, desire to add their tribute of regret at the great loss sustained by the colony by the death of the late Premier, Richard John Seddon, and sincerely sympathize and condole with the widow and children in this their hour of sorrow. May God watch over them and give them strength to bear up under their sad bereavement."

I remain, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

GEORGE J. SELLARS, President.

HIBERNIANS OF BLENHEIM.

(Telegram.)

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Blenheim, 20th June, 1906.

HIBERNIANS of Blenheim, in meeting assembled, deplore irreparable loss sustained by New Zealand and the Empire through the death of Mr. Seddon. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family most sincere sympathy of members.

T. KEATING, President.

G. O. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

GRAND ORANGE LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—

69 Ward Street, Christchurch, 13th June, 1906.

The executive of Grand Orange Lodge of New Zealand, Middle Island, desire to convey through you to Mrs. Seddon and family their deepest sympathy for the irreparable loss they have sustained in the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

E. N. BUDDEN, Grand Secretary.

LOYAL ORANGE LODGE, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 14th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the following message of condolence: "The Auckland District Loyal Orange Lodge expresses to yourself and family its sincerest sympathy in the great loss sustained by the unexpected removal by death of a devoted husband and father. May the Great Master over all give you comfort and consolation enabling you to bear with fortitude this sudden bereavement."

J. MURPHY, R.W.D.M.

E. TURNER, D.D.M.

W. PRITCHARD, D.S.

NELSON ORANGE LODGE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Nelson, 16th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey Mrs. Seddon and family sympathy of Nelson Orange Lodge.

R. TWORT, Secretary.

ORANGEMEN OF MARLBOROUGH.

(Telegram.)

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Blenheim, 19th June, 1906.

MARLBOROUGH Orangemen deplore loss great statesman, friend of liberty of the people. Wish you convey deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family. Sending representative funeral.

J. HYNDMAN, W.M.

LOYAL NELSON LODGE, No. 31, I.O.G.T.

DEAR SIR,—

16th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Independent Order of Good Templars, held at Nelson on Friday the 15th June, the following resolution was passed: "That the Good Templars of Nelson, in lodge assembled, desire to place on record their deep regret of the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Premier of New Zealand. They recognise the great aid he gave to the temperance movement in assisting to give this colony woman's suffrage, likewise the local option poll. They also recognise his humane efforts in bringing into force his old-age pension scheme, the establishment of maternity homes, and his proposal for securing qualified trained nurses for the poorer districts. They desire to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family their deepest sympathy in the hour of their heavy bereavement, and respectfully request the Acting-Premier, Hon. Hall-Jones, to convey same."

Therefore I ask you, sir, to kindly convey this message to Mrs. Seddon.

Trusting all are well and in good spirits under the circumstances. This is my earnest prayer.

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

A. T. R. DUNCAN.

STAR OF WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 12, I.O.G.T.

DEAR SIR,—

15th June, 1906.

Please kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the following resolution of condolence passed at the session held on Thursday evening the 14th instant: "That this lodge deeply deplore the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and beg to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy with them in their sad bereavement."

I am, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier.

BRO. W. H. INGRAM, Secretary.

LOYAL NELSON LODGE, No. 31, I.O.G.T.

DEAR SIR,—

Nelson, 16th June, 1906.

At the meeting of the Loyal Nelson Lodge, No. 31 (Good Templars), the subjoined resolution was passed, the members rising to their feet and passing same in silence: "That the Good Templars of Nelson, in lodge assembled, desire to place on record their deep regret of the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Premier of New Zealand. They recognise the great aid he gave to the temperance movement in assisting to give this colony woman's suffrage, likewise the local option poll. They also recognise his humane efforts in bringing into force his old-age pension scheme, the establishment of maternity homes, and his proposal for securing qualified trained nurses for the poorer districts. They desire to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family their sympathy in the hour of their heavy bereavement, and respectfully request the Acting-Premier, Hon. W. Hall-Jones, to convey same.

With deep sympathy with yourself and colleagues in the loss of so able and beloved a chief.

We remain, &c.,

T. R. CARINS, Chief Templar.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

ANNIE WATSON, Grand Vice Templar.

GOOD TEMPLARS OF THAMES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Thames, 11th June, 1906.

THE Good Templar order expresses its profound sympathy at the colony's loss in the death of Mr. Seddon.

E. H. TAYLOR, Grand Chief Templar.

GRAND EXECUTIVE, I.O.G.T.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Te Aro, Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

GOOD Templary extends its sincere sympathy in the colony's irreparable loss.

GEORGE PETHRICK, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF TEMPERANCE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Christchurch, 20th June, 1906.

THE executive council of the national division, Sons and Daughters of Temperance, desire to express their deep sympathy with the family of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon in their sad bereavement.

J. H. JONES, Secretary.

STAR OF OAMARU LODGE, S.A.F.S. OF A.

SIR,—

Oamaru, 14th June, 1906.

We crave your kind favour to forward resolution of sympathy to Mrs. Seddon on account of the sudden and untimely death of her beloved husband and your honoured chief.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. Hall-Jones.

ALEXANDER BROWN, Secretary.

ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIETIES, LEAGUES, CLUBS, ETC.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

AUCKLAND AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

167 Queen Street, Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

At a meeting of our executive, held on Friday last, I was instructed to write to you, expressing the deep regret with which the Auckland Agricultural and Pastoral Association learned of the death of your husband (the late Premier), and their sympathy with you and your family in your sad bereavement.

They also desire me at the same time to express their high appreciation of the distinguished services rendered by him to the people of New Zealand and to the Empire.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

EDWIN HALL, Secretary.

ELLESMERE AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Leeston, 30th June, 1906.

At a committee meeting of the above association, held on the 26th June, the following resolution was passed, and instructions given to the Secretary to forward to you on behalf of the members of the association: "This meeting desires to place on record its sense of the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

FRED. LILL, Secretary.

FEILDING AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

MADAM,—

Feilding, 7th July, 1906.

It is my sad duty to forward to you the following resolution carried by the committee of the Feilding Agricultural and Pastoral Association at their last meeting: "That this association deeply regrets the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and respectfully begs to tender its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

E. H. FISHER, Secretary.

MANAWATU AND WEST COAST AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Palmerston North, 12th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of my committee, to convey the following resolution: "That the committee of the Manawatu and West Coast Agricultural and Pastoral Association express unfeigned sympathy and regret at the decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of this colony, and desire to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family deep sympathy and sorrow on their sudden bereavement."

The committee deplore the loss to the colony of a statesman with noble purpose, who was strenuous and successful in the advancement of the colony and the people, and possessed of a great zeal for the good of the Empire.

This association was honoured on many occasions by his presence at its gatherings, and desires to record his unflinching interest in its undertakings and progress.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

G. C. LANE, Secretary.

NORTH OTAGO AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Oamaru, 1st August, 1906.

We are instructed by the committee of the North Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Association to express to you their deepest sympathy with you and your family in the sad loss which you have sustained in the death of your illustrious husband, the late Premier of this colony.

It is needless for us to recount his many public virtues, for these are known to the whole colony and to the Empire at large; and who can know his more private and domestic excellences better than your bereaved and sorrowing selves? We can therefore do little more than hope that this offer of our condolence, and this feeble expression of our deep sorrow at his untimely removal from his large sphere of usefulness, may be accepted by you as a genuine tribute of our respect for him, and of our earnest desire to show our sympathy.

Earnestly hoping that you may be comforted in your sad bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

WM. W. WYLIE, President.

E. PIPER, Secretary.

OTAGO AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dunedin, 12th July, 1906.

At a meeting of my committee held yesterday it was unanimously resolved, "That this meeting desires to place on record its sense of loss the country has sustained through the death of the late Right Hon. Mr. Seddon"; and I am directed to express to yourself and family the sympathy of my committee in your bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

H. V. FULTON, Secretary.

WAIRARAPA AND EAST COAST AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

MADAM,—

Carterton, 29th June, 1906.

I beg to advise that at the last meeting of my committee, a resolution of profound regret was passed at the loss the country had sustained in the death of your late husband, Mr. R. J. Seddon, and I was then directed to offer you, on their behalf, their condolences with you and your family in your sad bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

H. S. MOSS, Secretary.

WANGANUI AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 14th June, 1906.

At a committee meeting of the above association the President and members made feeling reference to the sad and untimely death of your late husband and colony's Premier. All bore eloquent testimony to the many and great qualities which he possessed in so marked a degree.

I have been directed to write to you and express the association's sincere and deep sympathy with you and your family in your great and sudden loss.

In conclusion, let me add, the members are mindful of many acts of courtesy extended to the association by the late Premier.

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

SELBY MORTON, Secretary.

WESTLAND AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Hokitika, 12th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to your esteemed mother, and accept on behalf of the family, the very keen regrets of the farming community of Westland at the death of your honoured and revered father, who laboured so unselfishly for the good of humanity. The entire sympathy of the populace is with you and yours in your time of trouble.

ROBERT HOULISTON, President.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION (AUCKLAND CENTRE).

DEAR MADAM,—

Mercantile Chambers, Auckland, 21st June, 1906.

At a meeting of the executive committee of this centre, held yesterday, the following resolution was carried: "That the executive committee of the Auckland Centre of the St. John's Ambulance Association tender their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and her family, and trust that the God of the widow and fatherless will comfort them in their sad bereavement."

Adding my personal sympathy to that of the committee,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

W. RATTRAY, Secretary.

AUCKLAND AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 9th July, 1906.

At the meeting of the members of the Auckland Automobile Association I was directed to convey to you the sincere sympathy of the members with you at the great loss you have sustained by the death of your esteemed husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

ARTHUR CLEAVE, Hon. Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH BURGESSES' ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Christchurch, 16th June, 1906.

THE Christchurch Burgesses' Association desires to record its heartfelt sympathy for Mrs. Seddon and family in this their hour of deep distress, caused by the sudden and unexpected death of the late Premier. At the same time, the association feels sure that the sorrow of the nation and the relatives of the late Liberal leader will be somewhat assuaged by the knowledge that the late Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon had lived to complete a work whose magnitude and far-reaching beneficial effects has seldom fallen to the lot of any statesman.

CHARLES JAMES RUSSELL, M.D., President.

CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 29th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Civil Service Association, it was resolved unanimously to convey to you and to all the members of your family the deep sympathy of the committee in the very sad and sore bereavement you have been called upon to suffer.

The committee assure you that the profound feeling that prompts their condolence, and seeks for expression on this deeply painful occasion, is combined with the reverence due to the sacredness of your great grief and sorrow, and it is felt to be very difficult indeed to speak words of comfort whilst you are suffering under such a sudden and severe affliction; yet the committee wish to tender their most sincere sympathy on this occasion.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

We remain, &c.,

JAMES RODGER, Chairman *pro tem*.C. E. A. ADAMS, Hon. Secretary *pro tem*.

OTAGO EARLY SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dunedin, 10th July, 1906.

I beg to forward copy of a resolution passed by my committee last evening: "The committee of the Otago Early Settlers' Association, at this the first meeting held since the lamented death of the late Premier of the colony, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, desires to place on record its appreciation of the many good qualities and conspicuous ability displayed by the late Premier during the long period in which he held high office, and its recognition of the great loss the colony has sustained by his untimely death. It also desires to express its deep and sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement. That this resolution be recorded in the minutes, and that a copy thereof be sent to Mrs. Seddon and one to the Premier, Mr. Hall-Jones."

In full accord with which,
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

L. LANGLANDS, Secretary.

OTAGO FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dunedin, 12th June, 1906.

At the meeting of the above association, held last evening, a resolution was passed expressing the association's deep sympathy with you and family on the occasion of the death of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon. I beg to convey the message to you.

Mr. Seddon was always a true friend to sport, as he was to all things.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

W. HAMILTON IRVINE, Secretary.

CANTERBURY FREETHOUGHT ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 25th June, 1906.

At the weekly meeting of the council of the Canterbury Freethought Association the following resolutions were carried unanimously: "1. That this association desires to extend to Mrs. Seddon and her family their very deep and sincere sympathy with them in the overwhelming sorrow which has fallen upon them." "2. That this meeting now stands adjourned as a mark of respect and an expression of the deep sorrow which, in common with the rest of the colony, we feel under the great loss we have all sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon." "3. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon."

With expressions of my own profound sorrow and sincere sympathy.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

H. ALLEN, Secretary.

WEST COAST HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

OUR sincerest sympathy to you and yours. The Empire mourns a noble statesman, New Zealand its able leader, but the Coast its truest friend.

Greymouth, 15th June, 1906.

J. HANNAN, Hon. Secretary.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS OF THE GREY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and family, Wellington.

THE licensed victuallers of the Grey electorate respectfully tender you most heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Greymouth, 18th June, 1906.

DANIEL SHEEDY, Chairman.

OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

23 Crawford Street, Dunedin, 26th June, 1906.

At the last general meeting of this association, held on the 19th June, the President (Mr. G. L. Denniston) moved, and Mr. Haglett seconded, the following motion, which I have the honour to convey to you, relative to the death of your late husband: "That this association desires to express its deep sense of the great loss which the colony and the Empire has sustained in Mr. Seddon's death. The remarkable expressions of sorrow from all classes throughout New Zealand are the greatest tribute from a mourning people to his unique personality, his stainless character, and to the esteem and affection in which he was universally held. As a statesman he was beyond question the greatest in Australasia; as a politician his untiring labours on behalf of the workers, the aged and infirm, the poor and distressed, will ever serve to keep his memory in affectionate remembrance. The extraordinary force of character which carried him successfully from comparative obscurity until he held the foremost position in the colony, his patriotism and loyalty to his sovereign and country in the hour of trouble were special features of his greatness, in all of which he showed the true spirit of a British subject. As husband, father, and friend, Mr. Seddon was guided by the spirit which these words beautifully serve to convey—love and loving service. In these as in all other respects he revealed his great sense of destiny, and now we bid him farewell while he has moved into larger day. We most heartily sympathize with Mrs. Seddon and the family in their overwhelming sorrow, and request that this minute be sent to Mrs. Seddon as expressive in a small measure of the feeling of this association for her late husband."

With profound sorrow for the death of so good and great a man, in all which I join with you in your sorrow and trial.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Premier's Residence, Wellington.

WM. THOMSON.

WAITAKI LICENSED VICTUALLERS' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Waimate, 13th June, 1906.

WAITAKI Licensed Victuallers' Association send deep sympathy in your hour of trial on death of your beloved husband, and recognise his earnest abilities for welfare of this colony.

W. EDMONDS, Secretary.

WELLINGTON LICENSED VICTUALLERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Customhouse Quay, Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Wellington Licensed Victuallers' Association, held this morning, it was unanimously resolved that the heartfelt sympathy and condolence of members be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon and her family in the heavy bereavement they have sustained, which is also a national calamity.

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

HERBERT J. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (AUCKLAND DIVISION).

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 19th June, 1906.

THE Auckland Division of the British Medical Association desire to express their sense of the great loss the colony has sustained through the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, and their sympathy with you and your family in their sad bereavement.

E. ROBERTON, President.

TRACY INGLIS, Secretary.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (CANTERBURY DIVISION).

DEAR MADAM,—

58 Oxford Street, Christchurch, 15th June, 1906.

I am instructed to convey to you the resolution passed by the Canterbury Division of the British Medical Association: "That this division desires to record its sense of the great loss the colony has suffered by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to express to Mrs. Seddon the deep sympathy the members feel for her in her sorrow."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

A. G. TALBOT, Hon. Secretary.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (WELLINGTON DIVISION).

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Hutt, 16th June, 1906.

I am requested by the members of the Wellington Division of the British Medical Association to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow. We, as members of the medical profession, recognise a great man has passed away—one who really was a humanist.

We sincerely hope that the universal sympathy expressed may in some way help to alleviate your great sorrow.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

JAMES R. PURDY, Hon. Secretary.

WELLINGTON MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Thames, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept the sincere sympathy of Wellington Ministers' Association in your sore bereavement.

J. DAWSON, President.

NEW ZEALAND NATIVES' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

I am directed to forward to you the following resolution: "That this meeting of the New Zealand Natives' Association conveys its sincere expressions of loyal sympathy to yourself and your family in this your bitter blow."

The world mourns with New Zealand in her irreparable loss—her staggering blow—in the death of your illustrious husband, our statesman and hero. If world-wide expressions of tender sympathy and magnificent appreciation of your late husband's true worth can carry a ray of light to penetrate the intensely dark gloom that rests upon your family and upon our beloved native land, then that solace is yours a hundredfold. Silently and alone—apart from all other lands—New Zealand mingles her unrestrained tears with yours over the grave of her noble dead.

We are, &c.,

E. G. R.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

EMILY NICOL.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

I am directed by my committee to write respectfully tendering the sincere sympathy of the members of the Wellington College Old Boys' Association in the irreparable loss you have sustained in the untimely death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon.

Your sons are all old boys of Wellington College; we feel therefore in a way that they belong to us, and we would assure you that we all feel deeply for you and yours in your time of trouble.

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

H. E. AVERY, Hon. Secretary.

CENTRAL PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 15th June, 1906.

At last night's meeting of this association I was instructed to convey to you the members' sincere sympathy with yourself and family in your sad bereavement, and their trust that Omnipotence will sustain you in this hour of great trial.

Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

W. S. COOMBRIDGE, Hon. Secretary.

POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (DUNEDIN BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Telegraph Office, Dunedin, 14th June, 1906.

The members of the Dunedin Branch of the Post and Telegraph Officers' Association wish to express their deep sympathy with you and your family in the irreparable loss you have all sustained.

Mr. Seddon will be much missed amongst officers of our Department, to whom he was always a kind and sympathetic friend.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Faithfully yours,

EDWARD FALCK, Chairman.

WELLINGTON PRIVATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

SYMPATHY from Wellington Private Nurses' Association.

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

A. HOLGATE, Secretary.

RAETIHI PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION.

MADAM,—

Raetihi, 27th June, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of the above association, held on the 23rd June, I was instructed to forward you the following resolution: "That this association expresses its deep sorrow at the sudden death of the late Premier, and also tenders its sympathy to his family."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

A. J. PARKES, Secretary.

WELLINGTON REFEREES' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 19th July, 1906.

I am directed by resolution to express to you the above association's sincere sympathy with you and your family in the sad bereavement that recently fell to your lot to endure in the loss of your late esteemed husband, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., Prime Minister of New Zealand.

We trust that, although the loss is irreparable, time, the great healer, may speedily soften down the sadness of your grief at losing one who after all has left this vale of tears for a brighter and happier existence.

With best wishes for you and yours,

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

L. SIEVERS, Hon. Secretary.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF HIS MAJESTY'S VETERANS (WELLINGTON BRANCH).

MADAM,—

20th June, 1906.

On behalf of the above association, we beg to tender you our sincere sympathy for the sad loss of your beloved husband and New Zealand's greatest statesman.

We trust you will be consoled by the remembrance that he was beloved by all classes, and that the statesmen of other countries looked upon him with feelings of admiration.

Accept the assurance of our highest esteem.

We have, &c.,

Mrs. R. Seddon.

R. TINGEY, Vice-President.

JAMES MALCOLM MAY, Hon. Treasurer.

S. STUDOLPH, Hon. Secretary.

EMPIRE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION OF AUCKLAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Empire Veterans' Association, I beg most respectfully to offer you and your family condolence and sympathy on the great loss you and yours have sustained by the death of your late husband and father, Richard John Seddon. He was a man that this young country could ill afford to lose, and whose place it will be hard to fill.

God grant you strength to bear the great sorrow which has fallen upon you by the loss of this great man.

Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

JAMES STICHBURY, Hon. Secretary.

SOUTHLAND ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Invercargill, 12th June, 1906.

I was instructed to inform you that the following resolution was unanimously passed at a meeting of the council of this society held yesterday: "That this meeting do stand adjourned until Monday, 9th proximo, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand, and that the Secretary be instructed to write to Mrs. Seddon conveying to her and her family the condolence of this society in their sad bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

EUSTACE RUSSELL, Hon. Secretary.

WESTLAND ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY.

MADAM,—

Hokitika, 6th July 1906.

At the last meeting (the first since the death of our late Premier) of the Westland Acclimatisation Society, I was instructed to convey to you our deep expression of sympathy with you and your family in their sad bereavement. Endeavours were made to secure a wreath to place on Mr. Seddon's grave, but we were unable to purchase one.

The society has always appreciated the great assistance rendered it by the late member for the district.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

JAMES KING, Hon. Secretary.

AUCKLAND SOCIETY OF ARTS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Coburg Street, Auckland, 19th June, 1906.

I am directed to convey to you, on behalf of the Auckland Society of Arts, its condolence upon the occasion of the decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand and your late husband, whom all much lament.

Mr. Seddon, in his capacity of Premier, was of essential service to this society in the matter of obtaining a subsidy for purchase of the land upon which its new gallery was built, and his action in connection with the society will always be gratefully remembered.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

T. STEWART, Secretary.

BUNNYTHORPE BAND OF HOPE SOCIETY.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Rose Glenn, Bunnythorpe, 21st June, 1906.

I am requested by the Bunnythorpe Band of Hope Society to forward to you the following resolution, passed at a meeting held on Monday night: "That this meeting desires to express its deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon in the severe trial and affliction in the death of her husband, and prays that she may find comfort in the assurance of God's grace and strength."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

MABEL DIXON, Hon. Secretary.

NORTH WAIRARAPA BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

MADAM,—

Masterton, 23rd June, 1906.

I have been directed to inform you that the following resolution was carried at the last meeting of the trustees of this society: "That the trustees of the North Wairarapa Benevolent Society place on record their profound sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, Richard John Seddon, and their appreciation of his life's devotion to the uplifting of the people, the welfare of the colony, and the unity of the Empire."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

R. T. HOLMES, Chairman.

OAMARU CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Oamaru, 24th July, 1906.

I am directed by the Oamaru Caledonian Society to convey to you the attached resolution passed by the directors at a meeting last night: "That, at this the first meeting of the directors of the Oamaru Caledonian Society since the sad event, the directors place on record their sense of loss to New Zealand caused by the death of our Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desire to express their sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

R. L. RULE, Secretary.

WAIRARAPA CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

MADAM,—

Masterton, 16th June, 1906.

I am directed to inform you that the directors of this society wish to place on record their deep and heartfelt sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, Richard John Seddon, in whom the Empire has lost a statesman, the colony its greatest man, and the Scotchmen of New Zealand a firm friend; and that the deepest sympathy of this society be offered to Mrs. Seddon and the bereaved family in the sad blow that has fallen upon them.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS DUNCAN, Secretary.

WELLINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 22nd June, 1906.

I have been requested to inform you that at the weekly practice of the above society reference was made to the death of our late Premier, Mr. R. J. Seddon, and a resolution was passed sympathizing with the widow and family in their sad bereavement. The orchestra played the "Dead March" in Saul, the members standing.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

S. G. HAMERTON, Joint Hon. Secretary.

TE KUITI DEBATING SOCIETY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Te Kuiti, 18th June, 1906.

THE Te Kuiti Debating Society desires to express deep regret and sympathy with you and your family in your sad bereavement.

F. H. SIMS, President.

CANTERBURY UNITED HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 16th June, 1906.

May my committee, on behalf of their society, convey to you the deepest sympathy with you and your family in the terrible sorrow and bereavement which has come to you. Please accept this feeble expression of their heartfelt sympathy at your great loss.

Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

G. S. SMITH, Secretary.

GISBORNE HUMANITARIAN SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Gisborne, 29th June, 1906.

The Humanitarian Society of Gisborne wish to convey to you and your family their sincerest sympathy in your sad bereavement and our great loss.

Mrs. Seddon.

I remain, &c.,

A. SCOTT, Secretary.

SOUTHLAND HIGHLAND SOCIETY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Invercargill, 19th June, 1906.

THE members of Highland Society of Southland respectfully tender their sincere sympathy with yourself and family in your sad loss.

STEVENSON, Chief.

CANTERBURY LANCASHIRE SOCIETY.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

192 Gloucester Street, Christchurch.

ON behalf of the Canterbury Lancashire Society, of which your noble husband was Patron, we beg to tender our heartfelt sympathy, and condole with you on your great and irreparable loss.

We trust the Almighty Power will console you in your great affliction.

R. ASHWORTH, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE SOCIETY OF OTAGO.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Dunedin, 17th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Lancashire and Yorkshire Society of Otago I offer sincere sympathy to yourself and family in the decease of your husband, whose death we regard as a national loss.

CHARLES FRYE, Secretary.

COUNCIL OF THE OTAGO LAW SOCIETY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Dunedin, 15th June, 1906.

I BEG to say that the following resolution was unanimously agreed to to-day by the council of the Otago Law Society: "The council of the Otago Law Society begs to express, on behalf of the members of the society, its deepest regret at the loss sustained by the Empire and the colony through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and tenders to Mrs. Seddon and her family its profound sympathy."

JOHN F. M. FRASER, President.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT LAW SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by request of the council of the Wellington District Law Society, to convey to you the following resolution adopted at a special meeting convened on receipt of the news of the death of the late Right Hon. the Premier, namely: "The members of the council of the Wellington District Law Society, for themselves and on behalf of the legal profession generally within the Wellington District, desire to express their sincere sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family of the late Right Hon. the Premier in the great loss which they have sustained by his death."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

M. MYERS, President.

WELLINGTON WESLEYAN LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Arlington Street, Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour to respectfully bring under your notice the following resolution, which was brought forward at the weekly meeting of the Wesleyan Literary and Debating Society connected with Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, and moved by the Chairman (Mr. E. L. Burgess) and the President (the Rev. P. W. Fairclough), and carried by the audience standing in silence: "That this society places on record its entire sympathy with the widow and family of the late Right Hon. the Premier in their keen loss, and which is also the loss of the whole of the colony."

Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

LANCELOT F. JONES.

HASTINGS METHODIST YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE, LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Hastings, 13th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Hastings Methodist Young Men's Institute, Literary and Debating Society the following resolution was carried by a standing vote: "That this meeting desires to place a record on its minutes of the deep sense of appreciation they feel for the work and life of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and also expresses its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and members of the family in their great loss. This resolution to be placed on their minute-book."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

CHAS. TAYLOR, Hon. Secretary.

AUCKLAND SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

June, 1906.

MR. W. H. WEBBE, President, on behalf of the members of the Auckland Society of Musicians, desires to express profoundest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

CHRISTCHURCH ODONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

MADAM,—

Christchurch, 13th June, 1906.

We have to inform you that the following resolution was carried at the meeting of the Christchurch Odontological Society last evening: "That this society desires to record its deep and sincere regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

We are, &c.,

J. S. ATKINSON, President.

ALEXANDER PATERSON, Vice-President.

W. SMALE, Hon. Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

DEAR MADAM,—

Bridge's Buildings, 102 Willis Street, Wellington, 23rd June, 1906.

The ladies forming the committee of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children desire me to express to you their deep sympathy with you in the great loss you have sustained by the death of your husband, the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

The committee feels that the late Premier always had the work of protecting and sustaining the weak greatly at heart, and regrets that such a cause should have lost so powerful and kindly an assistance.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I remain, &c.,

LOUISA WATERS, Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

The executive council, on behalf of the members of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants of New Zealand, begs respectfully to tender heartfelt sympathy with yourself and family in the dire calamity which has overtaken you in the death of Mr. Seddon.

We can scarcely realise the fact that our respected and loved friend has gone; but his many kindnesses to us and the whole of the railway men of the colony, the successful glory which has surrounded his efforts on behalf of the people of this land and of our Empire, will ever remain deeply impressed in our memories.

The loss to us all is irreparable; and may He, to whose own land our beloved Premier and friend has departed, watch over you all and help you in this your hour of trial and sorrow.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

W. J. EDWARDS, General Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS OF NEW ZEALAND (THORNDON BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906

I am instructed by the branch meeting held last night to forward to you and your family the following resolution: "That this branch desires to place on record its sorrow on learning of the death of the Premier, and desires to tender its deepest sympathy with the bereaved widow and family in the irreparable loss they have sustained."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

A. PHILIP, Branch Secretary

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS OF NEW ZEALAND (TIMARU BRANCH)

DEAR MADAM,—

14th June, 1906

At a meeting of the branch held on the 13th instant the following resolution was carried: "That this meeting of railway servants of the Timaru Town and district tender their sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad loss of a loving husband and parent, and regret his early decease; his memory will ever be revered by the Timaru railway employees as one whom they both respected and admired, and whom they always looked upon as their firm friend and wise counsellor."

This resolution, with the many you will have received throughout the British Empire, is a true reflex of the golden opinions entertained by the humble workers of the State, and may tend to solace the wounded and grief-stricken feelings of yourself and the members of your family.

With sincerest and sympathetic regards.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

C. E. HOLMES, Secretary.

ALEXANDRA SOUTH SCOTTISH SOCIETY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Alexandra South, 12th June, 1906.

HEARTFELT sympathy from Alexandra South Scottish Society.

JAMES B. ARNOTT, Secretary.

AUCKLAND SCENERY CONSERVATION SOCIETY.

Government Insurance Buildings, 99 Queen Street,
Auckland, 3rd July, 1906.

MADAM,—

At a meeting of the committee of this society held to-day the following resolution was passed unanimously: "The committee of the Auckland Scenery Conservation Society expresses its deep regret at the irreparable loss to the colony and to the Empire by the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and conveys to Mrs. Seddon and family the sincere sympathy of the members of the society."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

PERCY HOLT, Hon. Secretary.

THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

HONOURED MADAM,—

Christchurch, 18th June, 1906.

I have been directed to inform you that at a meeting of the members of this society on Thursday, the 14th instant, the following resolution was submitted by the Chief: "That there be recorded in the minutes of this society the deep sorrow of the members at the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D., who has left behind him a record of unblemished manhood, of high capacity, and of mighty deeds accomplished for the land of his adoption and for the British Empire. He was an ideal colonist, a born leader of men, a great statesman, and an Imperialist in the highest sense of the word. He was a Patron of this society since its inception, and took a keen interest in our objects, our work, and our aspirations, attending at considerable inconvenience several of our annual gatherings. Further, that a copy of this resolution together with a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Seddon, expressing our deepest sympathy with herself and family in their irreparable loss."

The resolution was seconded by Past Chief Macpherson, supported by Councillor Robertson, and passed by the members standing with bowed heads and folded arms, whilst Pipe-major D. M. MacKenzie played two laments—"The Land of the Leal" and "Lochaber no More."

In the name of our members I offer you and your family our heartfelt sympathy, and trust you will be comforted in your great sorrow by the remembrance that he who has gone trod the path of honour and uprightness, and accomplished great things for the well-being and happiness of his beloved New Zealand.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JAMES MACKINTOSH, Chief.

ST ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of the council and members of St. Andrew's Society of Auckland, I beg to tender our sincerest sympathy in the irreparable loss which has just befallen yourself and family, and every man, woman, and child in New Zealand.

Kindly accept for yourself and family this society's deepest sympathy. We all feel that we have lost from our midst a truly great chief in the person of your late husband.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

JOHN M. K. GEDDES, President.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S SOCIETY, DUNEDIN.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Dunedin, 17th June, 1906.

ACCEPT deepest sympathy from members of St. Vincent de Paul's Society, Dunedin.

M. JACKSON, President.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

The members of the Yorkshire Society of New Zealand desire to convey to you and family their deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Mrs Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

H. HANSON, Hon. Secretary.

UNITED IRISH LEAGUE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott Street, Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the United Irish League, held this evening, we were directed to convey to you the following resolution: "That this league desires to express its condolence with you in your sad bereavement, and that it places on record the great loss the colony and the Empire have sustained in the sudden demise of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand."

Mrs. Seddon.

M. KENNEDY, President.

E. J. HEALEY, Secretary.

NAVY LEAGUE (CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 19th June, 1906.

I am directed by the combined branches of the Canterbury Sub-branch of the Navy League to convey to you their sincerest sympathy in your recent bereavement.

We feel that the late Premier's place as President of the New Zealand Branch of the Navy League will be hard to fill.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

H. ADLEY, Secretary.

BAY OF PLENTY RAILWAY LEAGUE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Opotiki, 27th July, 1906.

At the first meeting of the Bay of Plenty Railway League held since the death of Mr. Seddon, a resolution was unanimously passed expressing the sympathy of the league with yourself and family in your sad bereavement, and the league's sense of the irreparable loss the colony has sustained in the death of the late Prime Minister, who was ever foremost in promoting the interests and advancement of the colony, who spent the best years of his life in the service of New Zealand, and whose lamentable death was doubtless hastened by his devotion to duty and to his country.

I am directed by the league to convey to you this resolution as a heartfelt expression of the feelings of its members.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

F. W. L. KIRK, Hon. Secretary.

CATLIN'S RIVER RAILWAY LEAGUE.

MADAM,—

Dunedin, 6th July, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the executive of the Catlin's River Railway League, held here yesterday, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That the executive members of the Catlin's River Railway League, on this the first occasion of meeting since the death of the late Premier, desire to place on record their sense of the great loss the colony has sustained thereby,

and wish to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincerest sympathy. The members of the league feel that in the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, for so many years Premier of this colony, the Catlin's railway-line has lost a warm friend and ardent supporter, inasmuch as he was one who was personally acquainted with the requirements and interests of the struggling settlers in the back-country districts."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. B. WATERS, Hon. Secretary.

TUAPEKA MOUTH RAILWAY LEAGUE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Tuapeka Mouth, 20th July, 1906.

At a public meeting of the Tuapeka Mouth Railway League, held on the 9th instant, a resolution was passed by which I was instructed to convey to you the sympathy of the league.

Words are inadequate to convey the sorrow we feel for you in the terrible loss you have sustained through the death of your beloved husband. To us, as to all, your husband was a living example of what a good and great man should be—utterly unselfish and entirely devoted to the bettering of others, besides being incapable of unkindness or pettiness.

We can ill spare such men as he. We trust that his legislation, which is a standing monument of his greatness and admired throughout this great Empire, will be a source of condolence to you.

Hoping not to appear intrusive, but it is impossible to express in words that which the heart alone can feel.

With deepest sympathy and sincere respect.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

JOHN E. KEENAN, Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS, WELLINGTON.

DEAR MADAM,—

10 Queen's Chambers, Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

The members of the Institute of Engineers and fellow life honorary associates of the late Right Hon. the Prime Minister desire to express to Mrs. Seddon and her family their heartfelt sympathy in the dire misfortune and sad bereavement which has so suddenly overtaken them.

We mourn with them the loss of a true comrade and a sincere friend, and trust that time, the great healer, may bring some measure of ease to their sorrowing hearts.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

A. R. HISLOP, Secretary.

(Resolution accompanying above.)

"That a sum of £50, as a first donation, be voted towards the establishment of a national memorial to perpetuate the memory of our highly esteemed and much regretted fellow-associate, the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand. This sum, together with member's additions, to be available when required."

AUSTRALASIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS (HEAD OFFICE).

DEAR MADAM,—

10 Queen's Chambers, Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

We have just received the following cablegram from the head office of the institute in Melbourne, which I am asked to convey to you: "Please convey council's sincere sympathy with relatives and members in the loss of your illustrious associate.—JOHN M. CORBY, General Secretary."

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

A. R. HISLOP, Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS, AUCKLAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 23rd July, 1906.

At the last regular meeting of this institute the following resolution was unanimously passed, and I was directed to convey the same to you: "That this district of the Australasian Institute of Marine Engineers places on record its recognition of the great loss sustained by this colony and the Empire generally through the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and we beg to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family our sincere sympathy in their recent sad bereavement."

I may add that as a token of our sympathy a wreath was forwarded to be placed on the coffin at the funeral.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

L. H. HANNA, Secretary.

CANTERBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 25th June, 1906.

The following resolution was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Canterbury Women's Institute, held on Friday, the 22nd June: "That this institute desires to record its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their great and grievous bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

ADA WELLS, Hon. Secretary.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT INSTITUTE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

THE management committee of the Wellington District Institute (Registered), on behalf of the teachers of the Wellington District, begs to tender its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement; and to express the great loss the teaching profession has sustained by the death of the Minister who did so much for the cause of education during his term of office.

D. YEATES, President.

CANTERBURY REFEREES' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 13th June, 1906.

I am desired by the Canterbury Referees' Association to convey to you the following resolution: "That the management committee of the Canterbury Referees' Association desires to record its deep and sincere regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their sad and sudden bereavement, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

W. G. GARRARD, Hon. Secretary.

HAMILTON RUGBY UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hamilton, 15th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Hamilton Rugby Union accept my deepest sympathy in your sorrow.

MCGARRIGLE, Secretary.

SOUTH CANTERBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Timaru, 19th June, 1906.

At a general meeting of the above union the chairman moved, "That the union records its appreciation of the qualities of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon as a man, a statesman, and a sportsman, instancing his services to football in New Zealand on the occasion of the recent tour of the 'All Blacks' in England."

The above motion was placed on the minutes of the Rugby Union, and a copy ordered to be sent to you.

The union offer you their heartfelt sympathy in the loss you have sustained.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

H. H. FRASER, Hon. Secretary.

WAIHI RUGBY UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Waihi, 13th June, 1906.

WAIHI Rugby Union express their sincere sympathy with you in your sad bereavement.

WM. GIBSON, Hon. Secretary.

WEST COAST RUGBY UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 13th June, 1906.

ACCEPT deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

KEATING, Secretary.

KAIAPOI BRANCH OF MOTHERS' UNION.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Kaiapoi, 20th July, 1906.

At a meeting of the Kaiapoi Branch of the Mothers' Union it was unanimously resolved to convey a vote of condolence to yourself and family in your sad bereavement.

As Secretary of this society I can do this feelingly, having gone through the same sad loss. How well I know the cold ache which numbs the heart of those who grieve the loss of a husband.

May the God of all comfort touch you with His finger of healing-power, ease the pain, and send balm to your wounded heart.

Please accept the warmest feelings of our union.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

E. MEADOWCROFT, Secretary.

HAMILTON BOWLING CLUB.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hamilton, 15th June, 1906.

MEMBERS of Hamilton Bowling Club tender you their deepest sympathy.

K. PARR.

CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC CLUB.

DEAR MADAM,—

11 Wordsworth Street, Sydenham, 21st June, 1906.

The Christchurch Catholic Club wish to offer to yourself and family their heartfelt sympathy with you in the loss of husband and father; and we earnestly hope that our Almighty Creator, Who, in His infinite wisdom, has been pleased to take our esteemed Premier from the land and labours he loved so well, will grant strength to you and yours to bear your burden of sorrow in submissive recollection of His loving knowledge of what is best.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM F. HALLINS, Hon. Secretary.

DUNEDIN CYCLING AND MOTORING CLUB.

DEAR MADAM,—

9 Dowling Street, Dunedin, 14th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the Dunedin Cycling and Motoring Club to extend to you my club's deep regret at the loss you and your family and the Colony of New Zealand have sustained through the death of your husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

The late Mr. Seddon had always a warm heart for sport of all kind; and my club hope you and your family will accept their deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

EDWARD FALCK, Hon. Secretary.

SYDENHAM FOOTBALL CLUB.

DEAR MADAM,—

Sydenham, 10th July, 1906.

At the first general gathering of the members of the above club held since the lamented death of your late husband, opportunity was taken of passing the following resolution: "That this gathering of the members of the Sydenham Football Club desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in the great loss they and the colony have sustained by the death of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon."

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

H. C. HARRISON, Hon. Secretary.

GREYMOUTH HOCKEY CLUB.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

MEMBERS desire to convey sincerest sympathy to you in your bereavement, and regret at the Empire's loss.

Greymouth, 15th June, 1906.

THOS. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

ON behalf of the Avondale Jockey Club, I tender you sincere sympathy in your great affliction.

Auckland, 14th June, 1906.

HARRY HAYR, Secretary.

SOUTH CANTERBURY OFFICERS' CLUB.

DEAR MADAM,—

Temuka, 4th July, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of the South Canterbury Officers' Club I was instructed to forward the following motion, moved by Colonel Mackenzie and Major Beckingham: "That this club records on its minutes the deep sorrow of its members at the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, whose public career was a lasting memorial of distinguished services to the colony, and by whose death the country has lost a strenuous leader and the Empire a great statesman.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

ALF. A. HINTZ,

Lieut.-Quartermaster, Hon. Secretary.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 19th June, 1906.

The members of the Wellington Racing Club desire to express their deep sympathy with you and your family in your very sad bereavement, and to assure you that they, with the rest of the inhabitants of the colony, mourn with you in the loss not only of a good husband and father, but of an illustrious statesman and of a man who devoted his life to the welfare of his fellow-colonists.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

J. B. HARCOURT, President.

AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY REGATTA CLUB.

DEAR MADAM,—

Waitemata Hotel, Auckland, 20th June, 1906.

As Honorary Secretary of the Auckland Anniversary Regatta Club it is my regretful duty to forward you the following resolution, carried at a meeting of the committee this day: "That the committee and members of the Auckland Anniversary Regatta Club desire to express their very great regret at the sudden death of their Patron, the Hon. Richard Seddon, and request the Hon. Secretary to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family their deep feeling of regret and sympathy in their heavy affliction."

I trust that the sorrowing sunsets of the past few days will be replaced by brighter ones as the year draws to its close.

Mrs. R. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES E. DACRE.

WELLINGTON SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 16th June, 1906.

On behalf of the committee and members of this club, I most respectfully beg to forward you the following resolution passed by the members assembled: "That this meeting of the Wellington Shakespeare Club desires to express its deep sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Seddon in the great loss which they have sustained."

Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

WALTER D. GORHAM, Hon. Secretary.

WELLINGTON WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

21 Willis Street, City.

We, the Women's Social Club, desire to convey to you our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the terrible bereavement which has befallen you and your children.

In offering this our humble contribution to the expressions of condolence which have reached you from His Majesty the King down to his lowliest subject we are actuated by a sense of gratitude for the many kindnesses shown us by your lamented husband, as well as by our sympathy as women in that greatest sorrow which can befall a woman.

To the praises of him who died and hath not left his peer we can truly add that to him a woman could take her troubles with the full assurance of his kindly and patient sympathy.

What the colony and the Empire owe to him is widely realised, and we trust it may be of some comfort to you to hear from the world's greatest men how his services are valued.

We, as women, are content if to us is left the honour of recording our admiration of his exemplary qualities as a husband and father, and as the true friend of the women of this his beloved New Zealand.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

ALICE R. SCHOCH, Hon. Secretary.

WELLINGTON WORKING-MEN'S CLUB AND LITERARY INSTITUTE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

I am directed to convey to you from a meeting of several hundred members of the Wellington Working-men's Club a unanimous vote of condolence to yourself and family in consequence of your great loss.

I am also directed by the President to say that the deep feeling of regret felt by ourselves cannot be expressed in words, but of its genuine nature there can be no doubt.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

JOHN R. MORGAN, Secretary.

AUCKLAND WORKING-MEN'S CLUB AND MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

THE members of the Auckland Working-men's Club and Mechanics' Institute, at special general meeting assembled, respectfully tender to yourself and family their heartfelt and sincerest sympathy in your sad and unexpected bereavement, and they trust the knowledge that your grief is shared in tenderest sympathy by all throughout the land so dear in the heart of your late husband may in some measure soften the bitterness of your loss and comfort you in your hour of deepest sorrow and affliction.

GEORGE FLEMING, Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH WORKING-MEN'S CLUB.

HONOURED MADAM,—

170 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch, 12th June, 1906.

The members of the Christchurch Working-men's Club desire to express their deep sympathy with you and your family in your great loss, which is felt by us all.

We all recognise our late Premier's efforts to improve the position and circumstances of the working-men of the colony in which he was so successful. The beneficent results of his legislation will be a lasting monument to his memory.

That God may bless you and yours is our heartfelt wish.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

D. LESLIE, Secretary.

OXFORD WORKING-MEN'S CLUB.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Oxford, 18th June, 1906.

MEMBERS of the Oxford Working-men's Club wish to convey their deepest sympathy with you in your irreparable loss.

H. CAMPBELL, President.

SYDENHAM AND ADDINGTON WORKING-MEN'S CLUB.

HONOURED MADAM,—

Sandyford Street, Sydenham, 14th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that I have been instructed by the managing committee of this club to convey to yourself and family its heartfelt sympathy for the irreparable loss you have sustained by the sudden death of our late respected and revered Premier. But it will be a satisfaction and consolation to feel that you do not mourn alone, for the country and the Empire are poorer to-day through the absence of the guiding hand of one of their noblest sons.

As working-men we recognise that our late Premier always strove to improve our condition and raise us morally, socially, and intellectually; and much of the legislation he advocated has done so in a marked degree. The eulogiums paid to his memory by the Press of the Empire must be as gratifying to you as they were deserved by him during a long and useful life.

I cannot better conclude than by expressing the sentiments of the club's members in the words of the Empire's greatest poet, "He was one on whom the gods had set their seal, to give the world assurance of a man."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

J. BEATTIE, Secretary.

ST. MARK'S YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

MADAM,—

Sussex Square, Wellington, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed to convey to you the following resolution which was passed at the meeting of the above club last night: "The members of this club desire to place on record their high appreciation of the great services rendered to the colony and to the British Empire by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also wish to express their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

C. B. BURDEKIN, Hon. Secretary.

WANGANUI SOUTH AFRICAN VOLUNTEERS' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Wanganui, 20th June, 1906.

KINDLY accept deep and sincere sympathy of members of Wanganui South African Volunteers' Association in your sad bereavement.

MAURICE SPURDLE, Hon. Secretary.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF NEW ZEALAND.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Christchurch, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the National Council of Women of New Zealand, permit me to express deep sympathy with you and your family in your great bereavement.

K. W. SHEPHERD, President.

PHARMACY BOARD OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

I was directed at a meeting of members of the Pharmacy Board of New Zealand, held in this city, to express to you their deep sense of the great loss sustained by the colony in the sudden death of your husband, the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

On behalf of the Board, I beg to tender to you and the members of your family its sincere sympathy at the sad bereavement which has fallen upon you.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

CHAS. W. NIELSEN, Registrar.

NEW ZEALAND LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

At a special meeting, the committee of the above Association adopted the following resolution: "That this meeting of the Management Committee of the New Zealand Lawn Tennis Association deeply deplores the death of the Right Honourable R. J. Seddon, the Premier of New Zealand."

And I would further tender the deepest sympathy of the Association to Mrs. Seddon, yourself, and the rest of the family.

Yours, &c.,

Captain R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

GEO. N. GOLDIE, Hon. Secretary.

GREYTOWN WORKING-MEN'S CLUB.

DEAR SIR,—

Greytown, 13th June, 1906.

Will you kindly convey to your dear mother and her family the deepest sympathy of the members of the Greytown Working-men's Club in your great bereavement.

We feel that while your mother has lost a loving husband and you a kind father, New Zealand has lost her greatest statesman.

May the knowledge that New Zealand grieves with you assist you to bear up under your great loss.

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

H. HUMPHRIES, President.

IMPERIAL VETERANS' ALLIANCE.

DEAR SIR,—

Dunedin, 17th June, 1906.

At a general meeting of this Alliance held yesterday, the veterans present desired me to convey their profound sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Seddon and family in their irreparable loss. At a humble distance the veterans sorrow with you.

In deepest sympathy.

I am, &c.,

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

SYDNEY DAVIES, Secretary.

(Telegram.)

CANTERBURY DEFENCE FORCES.

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Christchurch, 21st June, 1906.

EIGHTY-SIX officers Canterbury Forces on parade at Memorial Service to-day passed resolution conveying sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Seddon and her family.

A. BAUCHOP, Lieut.-Colonel.

(Telegram.)

RETURNED TROOPERS' ASSOCIATION.

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Nelson, 15th June, 1906.

RETURNED Troopers' Association desires to express sincere sympathy and condolence in the irreparable loss sustained by death of your beloved father.

M. STEWART, Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS (SOUTHLAND BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Invercargill, 12th June, 1906.

SOUTHLAND Railway Men Amalgamated Society deeply sympathize with you and yours in your sad bereavement.

M. THOMAS.

(Telegram.)

NELSON COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Nelson, 11th June, 1906.

COMMITTEE of Nelson College Old Boys' Association desire to convey to you deepest sympathy in your unspeakable bereavement.

GIBBS, President.

MILNER, Secretary.

SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR MISS SEDDON,—

Temple Chambers, Johnston Street, Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

On behalf of members of the Shipmasters' Association, I beg that you will convey to your mother the deep sympathy felt by shipmasters with Mrs. Seddon in her great bereavement.

Your late father numbered many personal friends amongst the masters in our ranks, and, travelling so frequently as he did, he came into personal contact with the majority of the masters.

I feel that any poor words of mine are quite inadequate to express the deep sense of personal loss felt by our members at his untimely death, but Mrs. Seddon will accept and understand the heartfelt sympathy of masters which I have endeavoured to convey.

Please accept my personal condolence, and believe me,

Miss Seddon, Molesworth Street.

Respectfully yours,

J. W. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, WELLINGTON.

DEAR MISS SEDDON,—

27th June, 1906.

In an eloquent speech at the annual meeting of the local centre of the St. John's Ambulance Association last evening, the Most Rev. Archbishop Redwood referred to the aggregation of high qualities characteristic of your father, the late Premier, at the conclusion of which His Grace proposed the following resolution, which was put to the meeting by His Lordship the Bishop of Wellington and carried while those present were standing: "That this meeting of the Wellington Branch of the St. John's Ambulance Association, sharing largely in the universal sorrow felt at the demise of one so deservedly admired and loved for his qualities as a man, and his achievements as a statesman, begs respectfully to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family the heartfelt expression of its sympathy with them in their sad and sudden bereavement and their irreparable loss."

Believe me, &c.,

W. B. FISHER.

ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIETIES, LEAGUES, CLUBS, ETC.
(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

AUCKLAND AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—
167 Queen Street, Auckland, 18th June, 1906.
I have been requested to send to you a copy of the enclosed letter which has been forwarded to Mrs. Seddon by the executive of the Auckland Agricultural and Pastoral Association in accordance with a resolution passed at their meeting on Friday.
The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. I have, &c.,
EDWIN HALL, Secretary.

DEAR MADAM,—
167 Queen Street, Auckland, 18th June, 1906.
At a meeting of our executive, held on Friday last, I was instructed to write to you expressing the deep regret with which the Auckland Agricultural Association learned of the death of your husband (the late Premier), and their sympathy with you and your family in your sad bereavement.
They also desired me at the same time to express their high appreciation of the distinguished services rendered by him to the people of New Zealand and to the Empire.
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington. I have, &c.,
EDWIN HALL, Secretary.

CANTERBURY AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)
Acting-Premier, Wellington. Christchurch, 14th June, 1906.
COMMITTEE, Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association, desires to express its profound sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony, and that an expression of deepest sympathy be tendered to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement.
PEMBERTON, Secretary.

MANAWATU AND WEST COAST AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)
Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Palmerston North, 12th June, 1906.
At monthly meeting of my committee to-day a unanimous resolution of sympathy to yourself and Ministers was carried in silence at the severe loss to the colony through death of the Premier. The meeting then adjourned out of respect to deceased statesman.
LANE, Secretary.

NELSON AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)
Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Richmond, 13th June, 1906.
MEMBERS of the Nelson Agricultural and Pastoral Association wish you to convey deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement, and the irreparable loss the country has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.
JOHN GLEN, Secretary.

OTAGO AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETY.

SIR,—
Dunedin, 12th July, 1906.
By direction of my committee, I wish to submit to you the following resolution which was passed by my committee at its last meeting: "That the Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society desires to place on record its sense of loss the country has sustained through the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, our late Premier."
The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. I have, &c.,
H. V. FULTON, Secretary.

RAGLAN AND KAWHIA AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—
Raglan, 2nd July, 1906.
I am directed by the Raglan and Kawhia Agricultural and Pastoral Association to forward to you a copy of a resolution passed by the members at their annual meeting, held on the 30th ultimo, and to ask you to be good enough to convey it to the proper quarters. The resolution was: "That this meeting desires to express its sincere sympathy with the widow and family of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, in their recent sad bereavement, and also its sense of the loss the colony has sustained by his decease."
Hon. the Premier, Wellington. I have, &c.,
FRANK GREEN, Secretary.

CLUTHA AND MATAU AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETY.

SIR,—
Balclutha, 5th July, 1906.
I have the honour to inform you that the committee of the Clutha and Matau Agricultural and Pastoral Society at its last meeting passed the following resolution in regard to the death of the

Right Hon. R. J. Seddon: "That this committee expresses its extreme regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and conveys its condolence to the Premier and the members of the Ministry over the loss the colony and the nation has sustained. It also extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement."

The members will be pleased if you will be good enough to convey the foregoing expression to Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

JOS. SMITH, President.

THOS. McDONALD, Secretary.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

SOUTHLAND METROPOLITAN AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Invercargill, 19th June, 1906.

THE directors of the Southland Metropolitan Agricultural and Pastoral Association tender their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in the very sad circumstances of their sudden bereavement, and in doing so desire to express the universal feeling of sorrow of the country residents of Southland at the loss sustained by the country through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

R. A. ANDERSON, President.

WAIKATO CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Premier, Wellington.

Cambridge, 15th June, 1906.

WAIKATO Central Agricultural Association desires to express regret at great loss sustained by the colony and Ministry in demise of the late Premier. Please convey condolences of committee to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sudden bereavement.

JOHN FISHER, President.

WEST COAST AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Greymouth, 20th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deepest sympathy of the West Coast Agricultural Association in sad loss of our great statesman and Premier.

F. W. KEDDELL, Secretary.

WEST COAST BANDS' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Greymouth, 20th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the West Coast Bands' Association, kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincerest sympathy in the great loss of our Patron and friend the late Premier.

F. W. KEDDELL, Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH BURGESSES' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.

Christchurch, 16th June, 1906.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the Christchurch Burgesses' Association has forwarded by telegraph the following resolution to Mrs. Seddon, and has appointed its President (Dr. C. J. Russell) to represent the association at the funeral of the late Premier, if the obsequies are conducted at Wellington. Resolution: "The Christchurch Burgesses' Association desires to record its heartfelt sympathy for Mrs. Seddon and family in this their hour of deep distress caused by the sudden and unexpected death of the late Premier. At the same time the association feels sure that the sorrow of the nation and the relatives of the late Liberal leader will be somewhat assuaged by the knowledge that the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon had lived to complete a work whose magnitude and far-reaching beneficial effects has seldom fallen to the lot of any statesman."

CHARLES JAMES RUSSELL, M.D.

NEW ZEALAND CHESS ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 20th June, 1906.

The council of the New Zealand Chess Association desires me to convey, through you, its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement; and the council further desires to extend its sympathy to our late Premier's colleagues on the loss of so great and universally beloved a leader.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

C. W. TANNER, Hon. Secretary.

MERCHANT SERVICE GUILD OF AUSTRALASIA.

SIR,—

Quick's Buildings, Featherston Street, Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Merchant Service Guild of Australasia, held this day, a resolution was passed expressing profound sorrow for and sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and members of her family in their sad bereavement.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.

DAVID J. WILSON, Secretary.

AUCKLAND COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT sincere condolences Auckland Commercial Travellers Warehousemen's Association on loss sustained by colony through death of Premier.

E. B. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

NATIONAL DAIRY ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 25th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the executive of the association, to append herewith copy of resolution passed at the annual meeting of the National Dairy Association of New Zealand (Limited), held last week at Palmerston North. I should esteem it a favour if you would convey the same to Mrs. Seddon and family: "That this meeting of the National Dairy Association desires to place on record its sense of the loss sustained by the colony and the Empire by the death of the late Premier, the Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., and desires to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad and sudden bereavement; and that this resolution be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and forwarded to the Acting-Premier."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. W. FOREMAN, Chairman.
JOSEPH G. HARKNESS, Secretary.

CANTERBURY FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Timaru, 15th June, 1906.

At a meeting of board of directors of Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association great regret was generally expressed at lamented death of the late Premier, and appreciation of his great public services to Empire and colony. Will you kindly convey my directors' respectful sympathy to his widow and family in their great bereavement.

J. P. NEWMAN.

UNITED FIRE BRIGADES' ASSOCIATION (AUCKLAND DISTRICT).

DEAR SIR,—

Parnell, 20th June, 1906.

The executive of the A.D.U.F.B. Association desire to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincere sympathy in the great loss they have sustained by the death of our late lamented Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. They also wish to express their appreciation of the late Premier's thoughtfulness and kindness to the fire-brigade service of the colony, more especially to the brigades forming the Northern Association.

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

CHAS. E. COLLINS, Secretary.

BIRKENHEAD AND NORTHCOTE FRUIT-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Birkenhead, 12th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family in sad bereavement heartfelt sympathy of members of Birkenhead and Northcote Fruit-growers' Association, also sincere regret at great loss sustained by colony in death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

ALLAN WILSON, Secretary.

NAPIER HOLIDAY ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Napier, 14th June, 1906.

MEMBERS of Napier Holiday Association desire to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family and members of Government their deepest sympathy at great loss sustained through death of late deeply lamented Premier.

WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

I respectfully beg to inform you that the general committee of this association yesterday evening adjourned its meeting out of respect to the memory of the late Premier, R. J. Seddon, Esq., P.C., LL.D., after passing a vote of deep condolence.

I am directed to convey to you and members of the Ministry sincere sympathy in the loss that has befallen the Colony of New Zealand by the removal by death of so able and great a statesman.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

H. F. ALLEN, Secretary.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (WELLINGTON DIVISION).

SIR,—

Hutt, 16th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that Dr. Young (President) and Dr. Purdy of Hutt (Honorary Secretary) have been appointed by the members of the Wellington Division, B.M.A., to represent them at the funeral of the late Premier. The division includes all the members of the British Medical Association in Wellington and Taranaki Provinces.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

JAMES R. PURDY, Hon. Secretary.

OTAGO PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—

65 High Street, Dunedin, 15th June, 1906.

The following resolution was carried at the last meeting of the executive of the Otago Pharmaceutical Association, and I was requested to forward the same to you: "The Otago Pharmaceutical Association desire to express their appreciation of the irreparable loss to the Colony of New Zealand by the sudden and untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier; and desire the Acting-Premier to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the members' sincere feelings of sympathy and condolence in their sad bereavement."

Trusting you will be kind enough to forward the above.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

R. MITCHELL MACKAY, Hon. Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

On behalf of my executive and members of the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Officers' Association, I beg to respectfully ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deep sympathy in the sad bereavement they have suffered by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Officers of the service, in general with the public of the colony, mourn the irreparable loss sustained by the death of one who has done so much for New Zealand and the Empire.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

C. S. PLANK, General Secretary.

GORE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—

Gore, 3rd July, 1906.

At a meeting of the executive of the Gore Ratepayers' Association, held in Gore on Thursday, the 28th June, the following resolution was passed, and we would request you to convey the same to your Government and the message of sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family: "That this meeting express their sorrow at the loss the colony has suffered by the death of the late Hon. Richard John Seddon, Premier of New Zealand; they recognise the splendid service he rendered to New Zealand and the British Empire as a statesman and ruler of men, and express their deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement."

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

A. A. SCOTT, President.

JOHN WM. VELVIN, Secretary.

MOUNT EDEN RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 13th June, 1906.

MOUNT EDEN Ratepayers' Association, by unanimous resolution, desire express extreme regret at death of Prime Minister and loss colony sustained and sincerest condolences with family.

DAVID MEIKLE, Secretary.

AUCKLAND REFEREES' ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—

25 Anglesea Street, 16th June, 1906.

I am instructed by my association to forward you the enclosed resolution of condolence to be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon and family.

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

WM. A. KNOX, Hon. Secretary.

(Resolution.)

Proposed by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dean, supported by Messrs. Katterns, White, Lenihan, and others, and carried unanimously (the members standing): "The members of the Auckland Rugby Referees' Association desire to place on record their profound regret at the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon. The late Premier's services to the colony are well known and have been suitably acknowledged throughout the whole Empire. The members of this association wish especially to emphasize their sincere regard for the late Mr. Seddon as an admirer of all manly sports and pastimes, and as the kindly and generous patron of athletics throughout the colony. By his death the members feel that the cause of athletics in New Zealand has sustained a great loss, and, recognising this, beg respectfully to offer their condolences to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their sad bereavement."

ASHBURTON CLUB.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Ashburton, 18th June, 1906.

THE committee and members Ashburton Club respectfully desire to express their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement. The members sincerely indorse the sentiments expressed throughout the world that this colony has lost an honourable and humane gentleman and statesman.

A. A. ORR, President.

AUCKLAND BOWLING CLUB.

DEAR SIR,—

Auckland, 15th June, 1906.

At the annual meeting of the Auckland Bowling Club the enclosed resolution, expressing the regret of the members at the death of their late Premier and sympathy with his widow and family, was unanimously passed.

Kindly convey our expressions of sympathy to Mrs. Seddon.

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

G. COLDICUT, Hon. Secretary.

“The members of the Auckland Bowling Club (the oldest in New Zealand), at its annual meeting assembled, desire to express their united feelings of sorrow and regret at the death of the Premier of this colony, the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, and their heartfelt sympathy with his widow and her family in their sudden sore bereavement.”

CALEDONIAN BOWLING CLUB.

HONoured SIR,—

Dunedin, 19th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the above club I have been instructed by my committee to convey to you, in terms of a resolution passed at our annual meeting, the profound sympathy of the members, extended to you and the Parliament of New Zealand, on the much lamented decease of our esteemed Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., in whose death we recognise that this and the sister-colonies have suffered a severe loss, and that the whole Empire has lost one of her foremost statesmen.

We would also thank you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our heartfelt sympathies extended to them in their hour of great trial and grief.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

A. F. BROWNE, Hon. Secretary.

DUNEDIN BOWLING, TENNIS, AND FIVES CLUB.

DEAR SIR,—

Cumberland Street, Dunedin, 10th July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward to you the following resolution, which please hand to Mrs. Seddon: “That the directors and members of the Dunedin Bowling, Tennis, and Fives Club desire to express their regret at the untimely death of the Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to assure Mrs. Seddon and family of their sympathy in their sad bereavement.”

The Hon. the Premier.

I am, &c.,

N. THOMSON, Secretary.

DUNEDIN BURNS CLUB.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Dunedin, 18th June, 1906.

THE Dunedin Burns Club desire to express through you the sincere sympathy of members with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

D. McPHERSON, President.

WESTPORT CHRYSANTHEMUM CLUB.

DEAR SIR,—

Westport, 14th June, 1906.

Please convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the sincerest sympathy of the Westport Chrysanthemum Club in their sad bereavement.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

WESTPORT CHRYSANTHEMUM CLUB.

CIVIL SERVICE CLUB.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906

CIVIL Service Club desire to express deep sorrow in the loss of their esteemed Patron, and condole with his colleagues.

L. JORDAN, Secretary.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, DUNEDIN.

DEAR SIR,—

Club Rooms, Dowling Street, Dunedin, 18th June, 1906.

The members of the New Zealand Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association desire to express their sense of the loss the colony has sustained through the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and join in the general expressions of sorrow and regret at the pathetic close of such a distinguished career. His devotion to duty, his steadfast adherence to principles, and his unwearying efforts on behalf of the people of the colony, had commanded the admiration and respect of all the members. He possessed qualities of heart and brain which are rarely found in combination in one individual.

The members further desire to record their heartfelt sympathy with the widow and family of the late Premier in their great bereavement.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

JAS. BROWN, Secretary.

ROUGH RIDGE CURLING CLUB.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Rough Ridge, 19th June, 1906.

COMMITTEE of management, on behalf of the Rough Ridge Curling Club, desire you to convey to Mrs. Seddon, our Patroness, our heartfelt sympathy in her recent bereavement.

ARTHUR ISLIP, Secretary.

KOPUTARUA DEBATING CLUB.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Koputarua, 16th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon sincere sympathy of Koputarua Debating Club for herself and family.

SECRETARY.

RAGLAN FARMERS' CLUB.

SIR,—

Te Mata, 15th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Raglan Farmers' Club and the settlers in the Te Mata District the following resolution was passed, and I was instructed to forward the same to you: "That this meeting expresses its deep sorrow at the loss the colony and the Empire has sustained by the sudden death of its great statesman, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and offers its heartfelt sympathy and condolences with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement."

Will you kindly convey this message to Mrs. Seddon and family.

Yours, &c.,

W. MORGAN BANHARD, Chairman.

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

WAIKATO FARMERS' CLUB.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Cambridge, 15th June, 1906.

THE Waikato Farmers' Club beg to tender their regret at the loss the colony has sustained in the death of the Premier. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our sincerest sympathies in her irreparable loss.

MARTIN BUTLER, President.

WAITAHUNA FARMERS' CLUB.

DEAR SIR,—

Waitahuna, 29th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Waitahuna Farmers' Club to convey, through you, to Mrs. Seddon and family the following resolution, passed unanimously in silence, members standing, at the first meeting of this society held since the death of our late beloved Premier: "That the Waitahuna Farmers' Club places on record its deep regret at the great loss the colony has sustained through the sudden death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and expresses its high appreciation of the many valuable services rendered by him to the colony, and also tenders to Mrs. Seddon and family its heartfelt sympathy in their sad and irreparable loss. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Seddon through the Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier."

I am, &c.,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Premier of New Zealand.

ROBERT MCARA, Secretary.

KAIAPOI FOOTBALL CLUB.

DEAR SIR,—

Kaiapoi, 16th June, 1906.

I am instructed to forward the following resolution, passed at a general meeting of the above club: "That this meeting records its deep regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and the great loss inflicted thereby upon his family, the colony, and the Empire; and forwards its sincere condolence with his widow and family, through the Acting-Premier, the Hon. Hall-Jones."

I am, &c.,

The Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

THOMAS CLAYTON, Hon. Secretary.

SOUTH CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

SIR,—

Timaru, 2nd July, 1906.

I am instructed to forward you the following resolution, carried at our annual meeting unanimously, and all upstanding: "That this club records on its minutes its appreciation of the many high qualities possessed by the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon as a statesman, man, and sportsman, and also its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their irreparable loss."

I have, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

C. S. FRASER, Secretary.

SOUTH CANTERBURY OFFICERS' CLUB.

DEAR SIR,—

Temuka, 4th July, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of the South Canterbury Officers' Club, I was instructed to forward the following motion, moved by Colonel Mackenzie and Major Beckingham: "That this club records on its minutes the deep sorrow of its members at the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, whose public career was a lasting memorial of distinguished services to the colony, and by whose death the country has lost a strenuous leader and the Empire a great statesman."

I am, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

ALF. A. HINTZ,
Lieut.-Quartermaster, Hon. Secretary.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 12th July, 1906.

THE stewards and committee of this club desire us to express to you their sorrow at the loss the colony has sustained in the unexpected death of the late Premier. They characterize this loss as a national calamity.

A. R. HARRIS, Chairman.
J. ROWE, President.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 12th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept on behalf of the committee, stewards, and members of the Otahuhu Trotting Club their heartfelt appreciation of the great loss the colony has sustained in the death of the late Premier.

YONGE, Secretary.

AUCKLAND WORKING-MEN'S CLUB.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Strand Arcade, 12th June, 1906.

MEMBERS of our club unite in the general expression of deep sympathy and great concern at the loss sustained by the people of New Zealand in the sudden death of their Premier.

GEORGE FLEMING, Secretary.

KAIAPOI WORKING-MEN'S CLUB.

DEAR SIR,—

Kaiapoi, 14th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the Kaiapoi Working-men's Club, I respectfully request you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the profound sympathy of the members with them in this their hour of sore trial and bereavement caused through the sudden death of New Zealand's illustrious Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

W. E. BENNETT, Secretary.

PALMERSTON NORTH WORKING-MEN'S CLUB.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Palmerston North, 11th June, 1906.

MEMBERS of Palmerston North Working-men's Club sincerely condole with Mrs. Seddon and family in sad bereavement, and recognise inestimable loss to colony.

J. Y. OLIVER, President.

PORT CHALMERS WORKMEN'S READING-ROOMS.

DEAR SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 9th July, 1906.

At the annual general meeting of the Port Chalmers Workmen's Reading-rooms, the following resolution was passed, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to you: "That the meeting of members of the Port Chalmers Workmen's Reading-rooms begs to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement, and regrets the loss sustained by the colony through the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon."

I am, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

H. G. ALBERTON, Jun., Hon. Secretary.

WELLINGTON WORKING-MEN'S CLUB.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

I am directed to convey to you and all your colleagues in the Ministry a unanimous vote taken by several hundreds of the members of the Wellington Working-men's Club last evening: "They sincerely sympathize with you in the loss the colony has sustained through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, feeling sure that you have lost a trusted comrade and counsellor, the colony a trusted leader that it will be very difficult to replace."

Trusting that you will accept this expression of deep regret on behalf of the members.

I remain, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

JOHN R. MORGAN, Secretary.

NO. 5 CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING SOCIETY, WELLINGTON.

DEAR SIR,—

1A Grey Street, Wellington, 15th June, 1906.

I am directed by the board of directors of the above society to forward to you the enclosed resolution, which I respectfully ask you to pass on to Mrs. Seddon.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

I am, &c.,

JOHN CREWES, Secretary.

(Copy of Resolution.)

“That we, the board of directors of the No. 5 Co-operative Building Society of Wellington, being representatives of a considerable number of persons who by industry and thrift are providing homes for themselves and their families, record our admiration of the motives that ever actuated the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, to encourage the people of New Zealand to strive to attain such objects as we are trying to promote, and our deep sorrow at his sudden death; that a copy of this resolution be sent by our Chairman and Secretary to the Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, and that he be asked to forward it to Mrs. Seddon and her family with the assurance that we heartily condole with them in their sad bereavement.”

OAMARU CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

SIR,—

Oamaru, 24th July, 1906.

I am directed by the Oamaru Caledonian Society to convey to you the attached resolution, passed by the directors at a meeting held last night, as follows: “That at this the first meeting of the directors of the Oamaru Caledonian Society since the sad event, the directors place on record their sense of loss to New Zealand caused by the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desire to express their sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.”

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. L. RULE, Secretary.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF OTAGO.

DEAR SIR,—

Dunedin, 15th June, 1906.

On behalf of the directors and members of the Caledonian Society of Otago, we desire to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy with her in her sad bereavement.

We are a non-political organization; but as a society which has among its objects the inculcation of the love of country and all its associations, we have in common with the whole of New Zealand admired the strong Imperialism of Mr. Seddon—not an aggressive Imperialism, but one which sought to bind the nation, whether Saxon or Celt, in one common brotherhood, standing shoulder to shoulder for the peace of the world and the betterment of humanity.

We deeply deplore his sad and tragic death, and our hearts go out to those who are left to mourn his loss.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

We are, &c.,

R. MACKENZIE, President.

WM. REID, Secretary.

POVERTY BAY CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Gisborne, 13th June, 1906.

THE Poverty Bay Caledonian Society extends to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy in this the hour of their terrible affliction in the loss of a loving husband and dutiful father, and may the Almighty solace them. We say he was a “people’s man,” unselfish, never deviating from the strict path of duty, and in all his pursuits he always had his people and Empire in view. We feel no monument will ever be needed to remind us and keep his memory green. His good works shall ever remain implanted in our breasts.

CECIL F. LEWIS, Hon. Secretary.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF SOUTHLAND.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Invercargill, 15th June, 1906.

THE Caledonian Society of Southland express their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement.

J. MACGREGOR, President.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS (CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH).

SIR,—

Christchurch, 19th June, 1906.

I am directed by my branch to ask if you will kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the profound sorrow and regret of the members of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers in Christchurch at the sudden death of our friend the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to express our heartfelt sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

Our members deeply regret the loss of one who was ever ready to lend a helping-hand to anything that was for the good of the colony, and we feel that the Empire has lost one of her worthiest sons.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier.

I have, &c.,

HY. OUBRIDGE, Secretary.

GAELIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Dunedin, 16th June, 1906.

THE Gaelic Society of New Zealand desire, through you, to extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

D. MCPHERSON, Chief.

NORMANBY HORTICULTURAL, POULTRY, AND GENERAL PRODUCE SOCIETY.

SIR,—

Normanby, 16th June, 1906.

I am directed by the executive of the above society to convey, on behalf of the members, the expression of their deep regret at the death of Mr. Seddon, which they recognise not only to be a loss to the Colony of New Zealand but also to the Empire.

You will please convey to Mrs. Seddon and family expressions of the deepest sympathy from this society in their sad and sudden bereavement.

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS LLOYD, Secretary.

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY OF HOKITIKA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Hokitika, 20th June, 1906.

THE Catholic Young Men's Literary and Debating Society of Hokitika desire you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deepest and heartfelt sympathy in her sad bereavement through the death of her husband.

B. Cox, Hon. Secretary.

MANGAWEKA LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

SIR,—

Mangaweka, 16th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the Mangaweka Literary and Debating Society to request you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its deep sympathy in their sad bereavement.

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

PERCY G. JACKSON, Hon. Secretary.

WAREPA LITERARY SOCIETY.

SIR,—

Wellington, 29th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Warepa (Clutha) Literary Society, at which I was present, a motion was passed expressing deep regret at Mr. Seddon's death, and very sincere sympathy with his widow and family.

I was requested to convey this expression of sympathy and regret to you and Mrs. Seddon.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

ALEX. S. MALCOLM.

LUMSDEN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

SIR,—

Lumsden, 15th June, 1906.

Enclosed please find copy of resolution recorded on the minutes of my society at our meeting held on Tuesday, the 12th instant, *in re* the sad news received of the sudden death of our late Premier. Kindly convey our sincere sympathy, as per copy of resolution attached.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

DONALD FRASER, President.

(Copy of Resolution.)

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Lymburn, seconded by Mr. L. I. Jones, "That this society learns with great sorrow of the sudden death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, Premier, and records its deep sympathy with the Government and family."

The motion was carried by the members standing in silence.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS (AUCKLAND BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Newmarket, 16th June, 1906.

THE Auckland Branch, Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, desires to express its deep regret at the death of the Premier, the irreparable loss sustained by the Empire, and its most sincere sympathy with the family.

J. H. HANLON, Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS (CANTERBURY BRANCH).

SIR,—

Addington Railway-station, 15th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the committee of the Canterbury Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants to forward you the following resolution, passed at a special meeting held on the 13th instant: "That this meeting desires to express its deepest sympathy in the national loss sustained by the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, and also to express its sympathy with the members of the dead statesman's family in their sad bereavement."

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

A. WEIR, Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS (DARGAVILLE BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Dargaville, 19th June, 1906.

THE Dargaville Branch, Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, express their deep sorrow and regret at the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and ask you to kindly convey their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

G. SMITH, Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS (NEW PLYMOUTH BRANCH).

SIR,—

28th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the New Plymouth Branch of the A.S.R.S., to forward you the following resolution, which was passed at the monthly meeting held on the 27th instant, with a request that you will convey the same to Mrs. Seddon: "That the members of the New Plymouth Branch of the A.S.R.S. desire to place on record their deep regret and sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon; and we further desire to express to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in their sudden and irreparable loss."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

S. G. SMITH, Branch Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS (TIMARU BRANCH).

HONOURED SIR,—

Timaru, 14th June, 1906.

Would you kindly hand the enclosed resolution, as carried by the local railway men, to Mrs. Seddon at a convenient opportunity.

Words would be idle on the lamentable occasion of a noble and loving friend's death to add more just now.

It is thought throughout the Canterbury District that a similar course to that taken on the occasion of the late Queen Victoria's death might be adopted on this occasion, by having all traffic suspended for a short interval during the hour of our dead chief's interment. Not wishing to be in the slightest respect presumptuous, I am merely voicing the sentiment of the Canterbury railway servants.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

C. E. HOLMES, Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS OF NEW ZEALAND (WHANGAREI BRANCH).

HONOURABLE SIR,—

Whangarei, 6th July, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of the above branch, held on the 2nd instant, I was instructed to convey to Mrs. Seddon and members of the family of our late beloved Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, our deep sympathy and heartfelt sorrow while passing through their sad bereavement. As railway men we have lost a true friend, and as a colony a great statesman. Truly we all unite in saying he was a pattern husband, a loving father, and the people's friend.

Will you kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family on our behalf.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

A. E. JOHNSON, Secretary.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY SERVANTS (UPPER HUTT BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

16th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Upper Hutt Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, held this evening, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That the Secretary be instructed to forward, through the Premier, to Mrs. Seddon and family a vote of sympathy and condolence in their sad bereavement."

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours, &c.,

JAS. BROWN, Branch Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WELLINGTON).

SIR,—

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Australian Football League of Wellington the following motion was adopted: "That this meeting conveys to the Colony of New Zealand its deepest sympathy in the irreparable loss it has sustained through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

A. SANDFORD, Hon. Secretary.

NAVY LEAGUE (WELLINGTON BRANCH).

SIR,—

Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

The Wellington Branch of the Navy League desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon to the cause of Imperial defence. His attitude thereon was statesmanlike in the highest degree and commanded universal respect.

This branch also desires to express to Mrs. Seddon and her family its sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

We have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

WM. FRASER, Acting-Chairman.

CECIL W. PALMER, Hon. Secretary.

BRIGHTON RAILWAY LEAGUE.

HONOURED SIR,—

Brighton, 23rd June, 1906.

On behalf of the Brighton Railway League, I beg to tender through you to Mrs. Seddon and members of her family our deepest sympathy with them in their sad bereavement, which, however, we trust may in some measure be softened by the universal appreciation of the memorable and abiding services which the late Mr. Seddon has rendered the country.

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

DUNCAN McINTOSH, Hon. Secretary.

CATLIN'S RIVER RAILWAY LEAGUE.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 6th July, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at the meeting of the executive of the Catlin's River Railway League, held yesterday, the following resolution was unanimously passed in respect to the death of the late Right Hon. Mr. Seddon: "That the executive members of the Catlin's River Railway League, on this the first occasion of meeting after the death of the late Premier, desire to place on record their sense of the great loss the colony has sustained thereby, and wish to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincerest sympathy. The members of the league feel that in the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, for so many years Premier of this colony, the Catlin's railway-line has lost a warm friend and ardent supporter, inasmuch as he was one who was personally acquainted with the requirements and interests of the struggling settlers in back-country districts.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

JOHN B. WATERS, Hon. Secretary.

KAIPARA RAILWAY LEAGUE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Dargaville, 15th June, 1906.

THE executive committee of the Kaipara Railway League desires to express to Mrs. Seddon and her family its most sincere sympathy with them in the great sorrow that has so suddenly fallen upon them by the untimely death of the late Premier, and its sense of the great loss this colony has sustained in the demise of the late Right Honourable gentleman, whose life-work was ever for the betterment of his fellow-man and the general progress of "God's own country."

J. COLEMAN PENRICE, Secretary.

UNITED IRISH LEAGUE (NEW PLYMOUTH BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

New Plymouth, 14th June, 1906.

MEMBERS of New Plymouth Branch of United Irish League tender deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family.

J. McKENNA, Chairman.

OPUNAKE-ELTHAM RAILWAY LEAGUE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Opunake, 13th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey Mrs. Seddon and family sympathy Opunake-Eltham Railway League on their sad bereavement.

W. C. DUDLEY, Chairman.

TUAPEKA MOUTH RAILWAY LEAGUE.

HONOURED SIR,—

Tuapeka Mouth, 20th July, 1906.

At a meeting of the Tuapeka Mouth Railway League, held on the 9th instant, a resolution was passed instructing me to convey to you and the House its sympathy and sincere regret at the loss you and the country have sustained through the death of your late chief, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, a man of broad principle, utterly unselfish, and devoted to the Empire and the country of his adoption.

This league wishes to express to the Government, through the Hon. the Premier, its sincere sympathy and regret at the loss the colony and Empire have sustained through the death of such a noble and good man as the late lamented Premier.

With deepest sympathy and sincere respect,
The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JOHN E. KEENAN, Secretary.

GERALDINE TAXATION LEAGUE.

DEAR SIR,—

Geraldine, 22nd June, 1906.

I am instructed to write to you requesting that you will bring under Mrs. Seddon's notice the following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Geraldine Taxation League held on Wednesday last: "We desire to express our deep regret at the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon. We look upon his loss as a very serious one both to the colony and the Empire, and would express our heartfelt sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great trouble."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

JOHN KENNEDY, Secretary.

ASHBURTON COUNTY RUGBY UNION.

SIR,—

14th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of above Rugby Union, to forward you the following resolution passed at its meeting on the 11th instant: "That this union desires to place on record its high sense of the faithful and distinguished services rendered to New Zealand by the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and of the serious loss sustained by his death; and respectfully tenders to his family the assurance of its sincere sympathy in their bereavement."

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. PRITCHARD, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

SIR,—

15th June, 1906.

I am directed to convey, through you, to the widow and family of the late Prime Minister the following resolution passed by the management committee of the above union last evening: "That the New Zealand Rugby Union desires to express its sincere regret at the death of the late Prime Minister, and also to convey its sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and members of her family in the bereavement which they have sustained."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

EDGAR WYLIE, Hon. Secretary.

WELLINGTON RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

SIR,—

Wellington, 17th June, 1906.

The Wellington Rugby Union wishes to express to Mrs. Seddon its deep sorrow for the loss she and the colony have sustained in the sad death of her husband.

Trusting that you will be kind enough to convey our sympathy to Mrs. Seddon.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. D. AVERY, Secretary.

AUCKLAND RUGBY UNION.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 14th June, 1906.

The management committee of the Auckland Rugby Union has heard with profound regret of the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand. His loss is widely felt, not only in this colony, over which he has so long wielded power, but throughout the British Empire. His kindly assistance in our manly pastimes will not soon be forgotten. To his sorrowing wife and family we tender our deepest sympathy, and fervently hope that they will be enabled to bear with fortitude the irreparable loss of a devoted husband and father.

Kindly convey message to Mrs. Seddon and family.

G. LANGSFORD, Secretary.

BUSH FOOTBALL RUGBY UNION.

DEAR SIR,—

Ormondville, 18th June, 1906.

We, the members of the United Section of Bush Football Rugby Union, request you to forward to Mrs. Seddon our heartfelt sympathy in the recent and sad loss of her beloved husband and our beloved Premier.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

TOM HOSKING, Hon. Secretary.

PIAKO RUGBY UNION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Waihou, 20th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

SAMUEL L. BYGRAVE, President.

WANGANUI RUGBY UNION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. William Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 15th June, 1906

WANGANUI Rugby Union desire you convey Mrs. Seddon following motion of sympathy: "That the members Wanganui Rugby Union hear with deep regret of the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and respectfully tender their deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family."

W. HALL, Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the institute held this day I was instructed to forward you the following resolution: "The members of the Institute of Engineers and the life honorary associates desire to convey to the Hon. the Acting-Premier and the members of the Cabinet their profound sympathy at the loss which has so suddenly overtaken the country through the death of their well-loved leader."

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

A. R. HISLOP, Secretary.

WELLINGTON LIEDERTAFEL.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

15th June, 1906.

THE members of the Wellington Liedertafel, individually and collectively, desire to express to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy with them in the hours of trouble, which are now theirs, occasioned by the sad loss recently sustained by them.

R. H. WEDDE, Hon. Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY OFFICERS' INSTITUTE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

I am directed by the executive committee of the New Zealand Railway Officers' Institute to respectfully ask you to be good enough to convey to the widow and family of the late Right Hon. the Premier the most sincere and heartfelt expression of the sympathy of the members of this institute in the irreparable loss they have sustained in his sudden and unexpected death.

During his term of office the condition of the service has been ameliorated to an extent hitherto unknown in the records of the colony; and this improvement has been only part and parcel of that grand scheme of amelioration of the conditions of life for every worker in the colony that was so near and dear to the heart of the deceased statesman, and which was, in fact, the distinguishing characteristic of his political and social policy.

I have, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

C. D. MORPETH, General Secretary.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE (MARLBOROUGH BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Blenheim, 14th June, 1906.

Will you kindly hand the enclosed message from St. George's Society to Mrs. Seddon. I can scarcely realise even now that Richard John Seddon is at rest. May the good God, the Father of all, comfort the widow and fatherless in the time of their great affliction.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

S. J. FURNESS.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Blenheim, 14th June, 1906.

THE Marlborough Branch of the Royal Society of St. George deeply deplores the demise of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., Premier of New Zealand, honorary Vice-President of the parent society, and offers its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and those who have suffered so irreparable a loss.

His life was gentle; and the elements
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, "This was a man!"

S. J. FURNESS, President.

MARLBOROUGH LABOUR UNION.

DEAR SIR,—

Blenheim, 20th June, 1906

I have been requested by the executive of the Marlborough Labour Union to convey, through you, our deep and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement; and to you, a personal friend—almost brother—we extend the same, as we recognise the loss sustained by every working-man in New Zealand.

The Hon. C. H. Mills.

Yours, &c.,

GEO. ARMSTRONG, President.

MARLBOROUGH LAND AND RAILWAY LEAGUE.

DEAR SIR,—

Blenheim, 28th August, 1906.

I am requested by the general meeting of the Marlborough Land and Railway League to ask you to be good enough to convey to Mrs. R. J. Seddon the following resolution of condolence passed at the recent annual meeting of the League: "That the members of the League desire to place on record their sense of the great loss the colony has sustained by reason of the death of the late Right Hon. the Premier, R. J. Seddon, and hereby tender to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy at the irretrievable loss sustained."

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

D. P. SINCLAIR, Secretary.

STRATFORD MOUNTED RIFLES.

(Telegram.)

Acting Defence Minister, Wellington.

Stratford, 12th June, 1906.

STRATFORD Mounted Rifles desire to express deep regret at Mr. Seddon's death.

CAPTAIN LIARDET.

PALMERSTON NORTH HOLIDAY ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—

Palmerston North, 15th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Palmerston North Holiday Association, held on the 13th instant, the following resolution was carried: "That this association desire to express their deep sympathy with the widow and family of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon in their bereavement; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Seddon through the member for the district."

W. T. Wood, Esq., M.H.R.

I remain, &c.,

C. BROWN, Secretary.

SETTLERS, RESIDENTS, ETC.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

CITIZENS OF AUCKLAND.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Auckland, 11th June, 1906.

AUCKLAND, with feelings of deepest sorrow, offers you and family heartfelt condolence.

CHARLES D. GREY, Deputy-Mayor.

CITIZENS OF BLUFF.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Bluff, 11th June, 1906.

CITIZENS overcome with grief. Accept our heartfelt sympathy.

G. A. WHEELER, Mayor.

RESIDENTS OF BRUNNERTON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Heathdale, 13th June, 1906.

BRUNNERTON desires to convey to you and family its deepest regret for your sad calamity.

ROBERT RUSSELL, Mayor.

SETTLERS OF CHEVIOT.

DEAR MADAM,—

Cheviot, 13th June, 1906.

I was requested to forward to you the following resolution of sympathy with you and your family in your recent sad bereavement, passed by a meeting of Cheviot settlers held in MacKenzie on Wednesday, the 13th June: "That this meeting of Cheviot settlers wish to express their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in the sad loss they have sustained by the death of Mr. Seddon, our beloved Premier."

Yours, &c.,

THOS. STEVENSON,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Acting-Chairman, Cheviot County Council.

RESIDENTS OF DEVONPORT.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Devonport, 20th June, 1906.

THE following resolution was carried by the residents of Devonport at a public meeting held last night :
 "That this public meeting of residents of Devonport expresses its profound sorrow at the sudden and untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand; and desires to record its appreciation of the great and renowned services he has rendered to the colony during his long and distinguished career. That this meeting further desires to convey its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in the bereavement which has so suddenly fallen upon them, and tenders to them its most sincere expressions of condolence in their great grief and irreparable loss."

E. W. ALISON, Mayor.

CITIZENS OF DUNEDIN.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Dunedin, 11th June, 1906.

THE Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Dunedin express their deepest sympathy with you and the members of your family in the sad and sudden bereavement you have suffered.

MAYOR.

CITIZENS OF FEATHERSTON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Featherston, 18th June, 1906.

CITIZENS of Featherston deplore the country's loss, and assure you that if the sympathy of a community can be any consolation to you and yours in your bereavement it is extended by them.

W. J. CARD, Chairman, Town Board.

FLAXBOURNE SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION.

MADAM,—

Flaxbourne, 6th July, 1906.

I have been instructed by the Flaxbourne Settlers' Association to convey their deepest sympathy with yourself and family in your sad bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

C. W. THOMAS, Hon. Secretary.

RESIDENTS OF THE FORKS.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and Family, Wellington.

The Forks, 12th June, 1906.

ACCEPT unanimous heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement.

THE FORKS RESIDENTS.

RESIDENTS OF GOLDSBOROUGH.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Goldsborough, 18th June, 1906.

THE inhabitants of Goldsbrough tender sincere condolence to you and your family in the loss you have sustained—a loss felt throughout the country, but by none more than by the people of the district where the late Premier resided for many years, and in which he began his public career.

JAMES HIGGS, Chairman of meeting.

A. KEYS WELLS, Secretary.

CITIZENS OF GORE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, "Oswestry Grange," Wellington.

Gore, 15th June, 1906.

ON behalf of people of Gore, I wish to express the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community for you and family in your sudden and particularly sad bereavement.

MACGIBBON, Mayor.

CITIZENS OF HAMPDEN.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hampden, 13th June, 1906.

ACCEPT heartfelt sympathy in deplorable calamity to yourself, family, colony, and Empire from Council and citizens.

WM. NICOLSON, Mayor.

RESIDENTS OF HERBERTVILLE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Herbertville, 14th June, 1906.

ON behalf of residents of Herbertville, please accept our deepest sympathy in your great loss.

JESSIE HERBERT.

RESIDENTS OF HOKIANGA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Rawene, 19th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the inhabitants of Hokianga, I beg to convey their most heartfelt sympathy in your and the colony's great loss. The services rendered by your honoured husband will ever remain green in the minds of this and succeeding generations. May the Divine comfort be with you in your bereavement.

JOSEPH VAUGHAN, County Chairman.

CITIZENS OF HOKITIKA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Hokitika, 11th June, 1906.

HEARTS of the people of Hokitika with the rest of New-Zealanders truly sorrowful. Only God can help you and yours to bear your great loss. We all extend to you and your family heartfelt sympathy. Assuredly Westland has lost its best friend and New Zealand its greatest statesman.

H. L. MICHEL, Mayor.

RESIDENTS OF KAIKOURA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Kaikoura, 12th June, 1906.

KINDLY accept sincere condolence from County Council and residents of Kaikoura in your sad bereavement.

FREEBORN PARSONS, Chairman.

RESIDENTS OF KAWAKAWA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. Seddon, Wellington.

11th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathies from Kawakawa. All closed here.

F. MACKENZIE, President, Liberal Labour.

RESIDENTS OF MANAPOURI.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Manapouri, 12th June, 1906.

RESIDENTS Manapouri tender their deepest sympathy to yourself and family. His works will be a monument for ever.

R. MURRELL.

WOMEN OF MASTERTON.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Masterton, 16th June, 1906.

Words can never express to you our profound sorrow and grief when it was too true to know that your dearly beloved husband, our good and worthy chief and father of New Zealand, had been called to rest.

You will have, we know, hundreds of messages of sympathy, all bearing the same note of deepest sorrow and grief, but this is to show to you that the women of Masterton mourn with you in your great loss. A resolution is passed by our association to that effect, but we would ask you to kindly accept this, not only from the Liberal followers but from the women of Masterton.

Dear Mrs. Seddon, we recognise the power of help, strength, and assistance you have been in the great and good work done by our late worthy Premier, your beloved husband, in assisting to place the Colony of New Zealand to the prosperity we can now so proudly boast.

We would again ask you to accept our deepest sympathy with yourself and family in this your sad hour of trouble, grief, and bereavement, and our earnest prayers are to God to comfort you all.

MARY RENALL.

DAHLIA HOGG.

PATIENCE TAYLER.

HELEN GILLESPIE.

PAUI TE TAU.

EMILY RAYNER.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

SCHOOL-CHILDREN AND RESIDENTS OF MAUNGATUROTO.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

21st June, 1906.

PUBLIC-SCHOOL pupils and friends assembled at memorial service tender expression of deepest sympathy with you and your family in your great loss.

REV. MACKENZIE.

C. E. FORD, Chairman.

W. COLLINS, Teacher.

RESIDENTS OF MURCHISON.

Mrs. Seddon and Family, Wellington.

Murchison, 12th June, 1906.

SETTLERS and inhabitants deeply grieved at sad news, and convey their sincerest sympathy in your time of trouble.

THOS BELL.

CITIZENS OF NAPIER.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Napier, 11th June, 1906.

It was with the deepest feelings of regret that my Council received the news of the sudden death of your late husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon; and on their behalf and on that of my fellow-citizens of Napier I desire to express to you their entire sympathy and sincere condolence with you and your family in the sad bereavement that has befallen you.

CARNELL, Mayor.

RATEPAYERS OF NORTHCOTE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Northcote, Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

It is with sincere grief that I forward you a resolution passed at a meeting of Northcote ratepayers: "That this meeting of Northcote ratepayers tender to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

H. CADNESS, County Councillor.

SETTLERS OF OPARAU KAWHIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

13th June, 1906.

WE, the settlers of Oparau Kawhia, condole with you in your recent bereavement.

RESIDENTS OF OTIRA.

DEAR MADAM,—

July, 1906.

I have been entrusted with the transmission of a letter of condolence to you on your sad bereavement by the residents here. As the letter explains, it was from no want of sympathy with your loss that we seem to be late in giving expression to our feelings, but from a deep sense of your great loss, and that of New Zealand generally, that we refrained from earlier approaching you on the subject.

A good many of us knew your late husband from his earliest career on the West Coast; and, long before his great talents had given New Zealand beneficial laws, we knew his worth as one who was prepared to fight for the weak against the strong.

May the memory of his great achievements for New Zealand and the Empire be a solace to you in the coming years of your widowhood.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

FERGUS BARROWMAN.

DEAR MADAM,—

We, the co-operative workers and residents generally of Otira, desire to condole with you and your family in the great loss you have sustained by the death of your illustrious husband. We have refrained from earlier intruding on your great sorrow from a deep sympathy with your position, but as the majority of us have come under the magnetic influence of his handshake, and were privileged to call him friend, we feel we must give some expression to our feelings at so great a calamity befalling you and your family and New Zealand at large.

Yours, &c.,

MR. T. W. FELL,

SUNDER SINGH,

MRS. C. FELL,

MARGARET STENHOUSE,

ANDREW STENHOUSE,

And 107 others.

JAMES GREENEY,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

RESIDENTS OF OXFORD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Christchurch, 18th June, 1906.

OXFORD mourns your and our country's great loss.

JOHN INGRAM, Chairman, Road Board.

RESIDENTS OF PAHAUTANUI.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Pahautanui, 16th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the residents of Pahautanui, I offer you our heartfelt sympathy at the awful calamity that has befallen you and this colony by the death of your devoted husband, whose name has been immortalised by his magnificent deeds and whose name will stand out conspicuously upon the scroll of fame for generations to come.

A. NICOL.

CITIZENS OF PALMERSTON NORTH.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Palmerston North, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT profound sympathy from citizens.

MAYOR.

RESIDENTS OF PAPAROA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Paparoa, 16th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Paparoa residents, tender our sincere sympathy and our deep regret.

GEO. SKELTON.

WOMEN OF PAEROA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

15th June, 1906.

ON behalf women Paeroa, we tender you our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow.

MRS. POLAND.

MRS. CLARKIN.

CITIZENS OF PORT CHALMERS.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Port Chalmers, 12th June, 1906.

THE citizens of Port Chalmers express deep sympathy with you in your sad bereavement.

ISAAC STEPHENSON, Mayor.

RESIDENTS OF ROSS.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Ross, 12th June, 1906.

FORMAL words inadequate to express our sympathy with you and family in your great affliction. May the great Healer pour His consolation into your grief-stricken hearts. People of Ross are disconsolate at loss of our counsellor and friend.

BRUCE, Mayor.

CITIZENS OF ROTORUA.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

13th June, 1906.

(Resolution passed at a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Rotorua.)

“ THAT the citizens of Rotorua, in public meeting assembled, realising with feelings of the deepest sorrow the irreparable loss to the Empire and to the colony caused by the sudden and lamentable death of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, proffer their sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their hour of affliction; and that this expression of their sorrow be forwarded by the chairman of the meeting to Mrs. Seddon and family at the earliest opportunity.

C. WALLNUTT, Chairman of meeting.

RESIDENTS OF SEDDONVILLE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Seddonville, 16th June, 1906.

THE inhabitants of Seddonville tender their sincere sympathy to you and friends in your sad bereavement.

E. CORBY, Chairman.

RESIDENTS OF ST. BATHAN'S.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

St. Bathan's, 16th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Mr. Seddon's friends, myself, and supporters in St. Bathan's, I beg to tender yourself and family our sincere grief at your sad bereavement and sorrowful home-coming. We may state that we regard Mr. Seddon's sad and untimely death not only as a colonial but a national disaster.

NEIL NICHOLSON.

RESIDENTS OF SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Invercargill, 16th June, 1906.

DEEPLY regret the irreparable loss to yourself, family, and the colony on the decease of your husband. Sincerest sympathy of the inhabitants of South Invercargill.

G. HOLLOWAY, Mayor.

RESIDENTS OF STAFFORD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Stafford, 19th June, 1906.

AT a public meeting of the residents of Stafford I was instructed to convey to you and the members of your family, on their behalf, their deepest sympathy in the death of your noble husband and the true friend of all in dear old Stafford. Truly they have lost a friend, and therefore their sympathy with you and your beloved ones is from the depth of their hearts, and they sincerely trust such an expression of their feelings may help to comfort you in this your sad time of trial.

H. W. SANDLE, Chairman.

RESIDENTS OF STEWART ISLAND.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Half-moon Bay, 11th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy with yourself and family in your sad bereavement for myself and people of Stewart Island.

CLAUDE R. GRAVES,
Chairman, Stewart Island County Council.

RESIDENTS OF TEPUKE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Tepuke, 15th June, 1906.

PEOPLE of Tepuke desire to express heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement.

H. J. GILL.

RESIDENTS OF TUAPEKA COUNTY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Roxburgh, 15th June, 1906.

ON behalf of myself, residents of Tuapeka County, I desire to convey to yourself and family heartfelt sympathy in your great bereavement.

J. BENNETTS, County Chairman.

RESIDENTS OF UPPER GREY VALLEY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Totara Flat, 21st June, 1906.

We desire to unite with the vast multitudes assembled in many lands, at services in memory of your late beloved husband, in assuring you of our heartfelt sympathy with you in your great loss.

The very general expression of sorrow from so many quarters must indeed emphasize to you the greatness of your loss, but we pray that He who is as Almighty to comfort as to create may have you and yours in His loving keeping, and grant you every needed consolation and blessing.

You may remember that when last here, Mr. Seddon expressed a wish to meet with the children next time he came to Totara Flat. In the Providence of God there is to be no next time on earth. We, however, hope that the great example of thoroughness, diligence, and fidelity which our departed friend showed in all walks of life may inspire many a lad to higher aims and greater attainments for the good of his fellow-men both here in New Zealand and elsewhere. We expect that thus some at least may so far follow in his steps that they too, as he has done, may in parting leave behind them "foot-prints on the sands of time," and earn a deserved "Well done" from our Master in Heaven.

Again invoking God's best blessing on you and yours,

We remain, &c.,

Robt. G. McDowall,	James Wallace,
Daniel,	Thomas Cannon,
Henry Erickson,	T. Lamberton,
J. C. Duncan,	James Sharpe,
Mrs. Lamberton,	Patrick McKinley,
E. Savage,	Jessie Dixon,
John B.,	Peter Lugom,
Thomas McKay,	A. Marshall,
Norman Marshall,	Duncan Steele,
Antonio R.,	John Doolan,
C. T. O'Connell,	A. Pugh,
B. McKenzie,	A. McDonnell,
E. Pugh,	And thirty-six others.
William Young,	

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

SETTLERS OF WAIKOPIRO.

DEAR MADAM,—

Whetukura, near Ormondville, 20th June, 1906.

The settlers of Waikopiro deeply and fervently regret the loss our Colony of New Zealand and the British Empire have sustained by the sudden death of your illustrious husband, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Premier of New Zealand and its foremost statesman; and desire to tender their

sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolence to you and your family in this your hour of severe trial and affliction. They trust that you will be sustained and comforted by the thought that he has entered into a rest faithfully earned by a strenuous life, the last years of which we realise were devoted entirely to the endeavour to make the condition of his fellow-men brighter and happier.

With renewed expressions of sympathy, and on behalf of the settlers,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

EDWD. V. WARMINGTON.

(Resolution passed at a Meeting of Settlers at Waikopiro, 20th June, 1906.)

"That this meeting of settlers of Waikopiro deeply regrets the loss the Colony of New Zealand and the British Empire have sustained by the sudden death of its greatest statesman, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and offers its sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolence to his widow and family in this their hour of severe trial and affliction; and that this resolution, conveying our sincere sorrow and sympathy, be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon at Wellington.

PEOPLE OF WESTLAND.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Hokitika, 11th June, 1906.

At moment your sad bereavement on behalf people of Westland convey deepest sympathy. Whole community grief-stricken.

McGUIGAN, County Chairman

SETTLERS OF WOODBURN, NELSON.

DEAR MADAM,—

Woodburn, Polloks, 16th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Nelson settlers of this district and myself, I wish to express our heartfelt sympathy towards you and all the members of your family in this the day of your sad bereavement. We pray to God that He will give you strength to bear your cross. The people of New Zealand mourn with you.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

JAMES CLARK, J.P.

MAORIS OF OTAMATEA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Whakapirau, 18th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept the sympathy of the Otamatea Maoris in your great loss. May the Father of all comfort you.

WIREMU PAIKEA.

RAPAKI NATIVE SETTLEMENT, LYTELTON.

DEAR MADAM,—

25th June, 1906.

Your late husband was the faithful guide of the Maori, their counsellor in their difficulties, their helper in their times of sorrow and trouble.

Assuring you of our profound sympathy with yourself and your family.

I am, &c.,

H. TARE TIKANO,

Representing meeting of Maoris held in Wellington, 21st June 1906.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

NATIVES OF WHANGAREI.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Whangarei, 14th June, 1906

THE Natives of this district respectfully tender their heartfelt sympathy in the loss of the great chief.

G. CLARK-WALKER, for Natives.

NATIVES OF WAITAKI AND WAIHAO KAIKAS.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Glenavy, 18th June, 1906.

It is with deep regret that the Natives of Waitaki and Waihao kaikas received news of the death of the Right Hon. the Premier. On behalf of our people we beg to tender our heartfelt sympathy to yourself and family in the sad bereavement which has befallen you.

HENARE D. MAIRE.

T. WETERI.

ASSYRIAN RESIDENTS OF PALMERSTON NORTH.

DEAR AND HONOURED MADAM,—

Palmerston North, 18th June, 1906.

On behalf of my countrymen from Assyria and myself, residents of Palmerston North, I take the liberty of offering to you and to your honoured family our sincere condolences in the sad bereavement that has fallen upon you.

Our hearts are full of sympathy, for though we are foreigners by birth, we are Englishmen by adoption, and we love and honour the name that has brought our adopted country before the notice of the world. We feel very acutely the loss of our "adopted father," and our thoughts are with you and yours in this hour of greatest sorrow.

On behalf of myself and fellow-countrymen.
Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
A. GEOR.

CHINESE RESIDENTS IN THE GREY DISTRICT.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 18th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Chinese residents in the Grey District, I beg to tender you our most heartfelt sympathy in your great bereavement.

YOUNG SAYE.

LANCASHIRE FOLK, AUCKLAND.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

At a meeting of Lancashire folk held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Auckland, on Saturday last, resolved, "That this meeting of Lancashire men and women offer their deepest sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Seddon and her family, who have by the untimely death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon been bereft of a great and noble husband and an illustrious father, whose loss is mourned by a whole nation.

DOCTOR STOPFORD, Secretary.

OLD-AGE PENSIONERS OF COSTLEY HOME.

Mrs. Seddon.

June, 1906.

WE, the undersigned, on behalf of the old-age pensioners residing in the Costley Home, desire to assure you and your family of our heartfelt sympathy in your great bereavement, and to express our deep sorrow at the sudden death of our dear and esteemed friend the Hon. R. J. Seddon, who has done so much for us and has always had the interests of the old people of the colony at heart.

We remain, &c.,

CHARLES EAST.

WILLIAM HAROLD OUTEN.

UPPER KING-COUNTRY MAORI MISSION.

DEAR SIR,—

Taumarunui, King-country, June, 1906.

I have the honour to kindly ask you to convey the profound sympathy of this Mission to your mother and to the members of your late father's home circle. So many kindly expressions of sympathy and regret have been expressed towards you all by various Upper King-country Natives that it would prove a big task to send them all to you. "Who shall give the time and the course to the big canoe, for the chief is dead and the fogleman is silent with sorrow. Go, thou! Go, thou, to thy predecessors, to the land beyond. Go! Go to thy rest. Enough. Thy deeds are done. Thy words remain."

With sympathy, sorrow, and benediction.

Yours, &c.,

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

J. EGERTON WARD.

WAIRARAPA NATIVES.

(The Gospel according to St. John, Chapter xv, Verses 12 and 13.)

A Token of Regard for the Parent, the late Honourable R. J. SEDDON, who has passed away from us.

O SIR,—

Masterton, 12th June, 1906.

A sympathetic greeting to you and your sisters and your mother, who is in great grief for her espoused husband who has now been separated from you—that is, from us all. O sir, O ladies, great is the sorrow and the soreness of the heart for this sudden calamity that has this day so unexpectedly befallen us.

Great is the affection for our parent—that is, the parent of the people of New Zealand and of other isles; well, then, all thoughts are now centred on our parent who has passed away from us. Go, then, O sir; go, the mana (authority); go, the outspoken word; go, goodness personified. O goodness, who upheld the words of your Father in Heaven, go to the place where all great powers and all majesty are, where goodness is, where love for the small, the poor, and the feeble abideth. Go, the director of the canoe, go into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Father Jehovah. He it was who strengthened your loving heart, enabling you to work out and bring into effect beneficial measures for the wellbeing of the humble. Go into the presence of your gracious sovereign, Queen Victoria, and your rangatira friends who have gone before you—Sir George Grey, Mr. Ballance, Henare Tomoana, Tairoa, and Mahupuku. It will be for you to tell them how well, how successfully, and how energetically those measures that they had under consideration have been carried out. By such measures and works undertaken the people now live in quiet and comfort on the face of the earth, and in peace. Go, O sir, to the resting-place for the body and spirit.

A word of lamentation: Tararua's Range is obscured with a clinging cloud, and Wellington is hidden in mist, for the parent has vanished from the arena of the house of knowledge. Ended are the greetings to you.

O lady (Mrs. R. J. Seddon), may it be well with you and your children, notwithstanding your great grief. May God comfort you with every blessing. From

To Captain Seddon.

HORI TE HUKI,
And the Remnant of the People of the Wairarapa,
within the Rongokako Boundaries.

SETTLERS, RESIDENTS, ETC.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

RESIDENTS OF ALFREDTON.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Alfredton, 20th June, 1906.

MEETING of residents of Alfredton vote of sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their and the colony's great loss was passed; also sending Mr. Bonstead to represent district at funeral.

GEORGE BENTON, Chairman.

RESIDENTS OF CLYDE AND DISTRICT.

DEAR SIR,—

Clyde, 13th June, 1906.

On behalf of the residents of the Town of Clyde and immediate district, I desire to express their sincere sympathy to yourself and the other members of the Ministry at the irreparable loss which both yourselves and the whole colony have sustained through the death of our late Premier; and I have also to ask you to kindly extend our deepest condolences to Mrs. Seddon and family in the great bereavement which they have sustained in the loss of so noble a husband and father.

Hon. Wm. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
S. A. STEVENS.

RESIDENTS OF CROSS CREEK.

The Schoolhouse, Cross Creek, 14th June, 1906.

DEAR SIR,—

The late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

At a meeting of residents of the Creek, held to-night in the railway library, at which I presided, the resolution hereto attached was passed unanimously, and I was deputed to forward you a copy of it for transmission to Mrs. Seddon and the family.

The various speakers testified the deepest sympathy and sorrow for the sad event.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I am, &c.,
J. H. KIRBY, Chairman of meeting.

(Resolution.)

“That this meeting of residents of Cross Creek desires respectfully to convey to Mrs. Seddon (through the Acting-Premier, the Hon. W. Hall-Jones) an assurance of its deep sympathy with her and her family in their sorrow—a sorrow in which all New Zealand participates—and, further, to assure her that nowhere have the noble character and self-sacrifice of the late Mr. Seddon commanded more sincere admiration or grateful regard than in this community.”

RESIDENTS OF HUNTLY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Huntly, 20th June, 1906.

RESIDENTS of Huntly, in public meeting assembled, beg to place on record their deep sense of the loss which the Empire and the colony have sustained through the tragically sudden death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, who sacrificed his strenuous life in the increasing endeavour to ameliorate the condition of his fellow-colonists. They fully appreciate his magnificent services, and request you to convey to the sorrowing widow and bereaved family the sincere condolences of the residents of Huntly, who also mourn with them in the hour of their tribulation.

J. P. BAILEY, Chairman.

RESIDENTS OF ISLINGTON.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Islington, 11th June, 1906.

ISLINGTON residents send deepest sympathy to relatives of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon, and feel deeply the last of their old and tried friend.

RESIDENTS OF KARAMEA.

SIR,—

Karamea, 12th June, 1906.

Last night we received the sad and melancholy news of the death of Mr. Seddon. To-day I am deputed by the people of Karamea to convey, through you, their sincere and heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their very sad bereavement.

New Zealand has lost a true patriot, a wise and far-seeing statesman, and a staunch friend to all mankind, whose good deeds will live in the hearts of all.

The Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

ROBERT RAY.

MINERS AND CITIZENS OF KARANGAHAKE.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Karangahake, 21st June, 1906.

PASSED at memorial service: "This meeting of miners and citizens of Karangahake desires to express its sincere and deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad and sudden bereavement by the death of their loved and honoured husband and father, the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, who has devoted his life and energies to the welfare of the Empire."

WILLIAM NEIL, Chairman, Federation.

RESIDENTS OF KONGAHU.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Kongahu, 16th June, 1906.

KONGAHU joins in sympathy in the loss of your great chief and humanities' friend, Richard John Seddon. *Requiescat in pace.*

MEYRICK JONES. J.P.

RESIDENTS OF LIMESTONE ISLAND.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Limestone Island, 16th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy in their very sad bereavement.

RESIDENTS, LIMESTONE ISLAND.

RESIDENTS OF LUMSDEN.

DEAR SIR,

22nd June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward you the following resolution, passed at a memorial service held in Lumsden yesterday during the hour of the funeral of the Hon. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

JAMES LYMBURN, Convener and Chairman.

(Resolution.)

"This meeting, assembled in Lumsden to hold a united memorial service on the occasion of the funeral of the Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier, desires to express its heartfelt sorrow on the sad event, and begs, through the Premier, to tender condolences to Mrs. Seddon and bereaved family, and to express sympathy with the Ministry of "God's own country" on the death of so distinguished a leader."

RESIDENTS OF MARTINBOROUGH.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Martinborough, 11th June, 1906.

CONVEY deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their very sad bereavement from the inhabitants of Martinborough.

MURDOCH ROSS, Chairman, Town Board.

RESIDENTS OF MERCER.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

Mercer, 16th June, 1906.

RESIDENTS of Mercer wish to convey, through you, their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in the sad hour of their bereavement.

G. BROWN, Chairman, Road Board.

E. MARTIN, Chairman, School Committee.

RESIDENTS OF MILLER'S FLAT.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Miller's Flat, 19th June, 1906.

At a meeting of Miller's Flat residents, following motion was passed: "That the residents of Miller's Flat express their regret at the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier, and wish to put

on record their appreciation of his greatness of character, his noble aims for the uplifting of humanity, and his intense love of Empire. They also wish to express to Mrs. Seddon and family their sympathy in their sad bereavement.”

JOHN KERR, Chairman.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MOTUEKA.

(Telegram.)

The Premier, Wellington.

Motueka, 23rd June, 1906.

By resolution carried at memorial service, Motueka, I am instructed, through yourself, to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the heartfelt sympathy of the entire congregation assembled, irrespective of sect or nationality, in their sad family and national bereavement.”

F. G. ROTTON, Town Clerk.

RESIDENTS OF NGATIMOTI.

DEAR MR. PITT,—

Ngatimoti, 15th June, 1906.

Enclosed I send you a copy of a resolution which was carried at a public meeting held in the school at Ngatimoti last evening, and we shall be pleased if you will kindly pass it through the proper channel to Mrs. Seddon.

Much sympathy is felt here for Mrs. Seddon, and every one expresses the opinion that New Zealand has lost a great man.

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. A. Pitt, Wellington.

JOHN A. GUY.

At a meeting called by the County Council, Mr. Guy moved, “That this meeting desires to express its deepest sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and further to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their bereavement.”

The motion was carried unanimously.

RESIDENTS OF OHINGAITI.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ohingaiti, 13th June, 1906.

WE, residents of Ohingaiti, wish you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy and condolences in their great bereavement, and also to express our profound sorrow at the death of our great Premier.

GEO. BUCKLEY.

F. J. ELLIS.

A. TUCKEY.

W. DELANEY.

RESIDENTS OF OHUTU.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Utiku, 13th June, 1906.

DEEPLY regret Premier's sad death. Ohutu mourns great loss, and offers most profound sympathy with family of deceased.

BEECHEY.

RESIDENTS OF OPHIR.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ophir, 12th June, 1906.

A PUBLIC meeting of Ophir residents desire to express their heartfelt grief at the news of the death of the Hon. Premier. They beg, through you, to tender their condolences to the bereaved family, and to express their sympathy with the Ministry in the loss of so distinguished a leader. The people here, too, deplore the great loss the colonies sustain in the death of so distinguished and beloved a statesman.

BRYAN FLANNERY, Chairman.

CITIZENS OF ROTORUA.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Rotorua, 14th June, 1906.

THE following resolution was unanimously passed at a public meeting of the citizens of Rotorua last evening, and will be duly forwarded. Meantime, will you kindly convey same to Mrs. Seddon and family. Resolution as follows: “That the citizens of Rotorua, in public meeting assembled, realising with feelings of the deepest sorrow the irreparable loss to the Empire and to the colony caused by the sudden and lamentable death of the late Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, proffer their sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their hour of affliction; and that this expression of their sorrow be forwarded by the chairman of the meeting to Mrs. Seddon and family at the earliest opportunity.

C. WALLNUTT, Chairman, Town Council.

RESIDENTS OF SHANNON.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

PLEASE accept Shannon condolence sad death Premier.

Shannon, 12th June, 1906.

J. R. STANSELL.

RESIDENTS OF SHANNON.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

SHANNON residents deplore loss of greatest statesman of British Empire. Accept heartfelt sympathy.

Shannon, 18th June, 1906.

J. M. O'CONNOR.

RESIDENTS OF ST. BATHAN'S.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

It was resolved at a public meeting held at St. Bathan's: "Deeply regret the irreparable loss the community has sustained through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, who by his untiring attention to duty, and forceful character, has illustriously earned the title of one of the greatest statesmen in the British Empire; also express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family."

NEIL NICHOLSON, Chairman of meeting.

St. Bathan's, 21st June, 1906.

RESIDENTS OF TAUPO.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

PLEASE convey our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement and New Zealand's great loss.

Taupo, 12th June, 1906.

J. GALLAGHER, for Taupo Residents.

HOUSEHOLDERS OF Umutaoroa School District.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Wellington.

HOUSEHOLDERS of Umutaoroa School District tender their sincere sympathy to the sorrowing widow and family of the late Premier, deeply regretting irreparable loss colony has sustained through his sudden and untimely death.

Umutaoroa, 19th June, 1906.

PICARD, Chairman.

WAIU DISTRICT SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION.

HONOURED SIR,—

Waiau, Amuri, 30th June, 1906.

I am instructed by my association to forward to you a copy of a resolution passed at its meeting to-day: "That this association desires to record its sense of the great and untimely loss sustained by the colony, caused by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon; and also wishes to convey its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad and sudden bereavement."

I am, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

W. O. RICHARDS, Secretary.

RESIDENTS OF WANAKA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

THE people of Wanaka express their deepest sorrow for death late Mr. Seddon, and convey their profound sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family.

Pembroke, 13th June, 1906.

ANDREW McDUGALL.

RESIDENTS OF WHAKATANE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. William Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

IT is with deepest regret that I learn of the Premier's sad death. Accept the sympathy of a sorrowing people from Whakatane. Please convey the same to Mrs. Seddon and family. The people of New Zealand have lost a friend and benefactor, and the Empire one of her foremost statesmen.

Taneatua, 12th June, 1906.

A. PEEBLES.

PEOPLE OF WESTLAND.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

PEOPLE of Westland desire to express their great grief at loss our distinguished colleague and our honoured member. The Empire loses one of its most distinguished statesmen.

Hokitika, 11th June, 1906.

McGUIGAN, County Chairman.

RESIDENTS OF WHANGAREI HEADS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

THE residents of Whangarei Heads desire to express their deep regret at the great loss sustained by the colony and the Empire through the death of the Hon. R. J. Seddon; also their most sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

Whangarei Heads, 20th June, 1906.

DONALD MCGREGOR.

GERMAN RESIDENTS OF MANAWATU.

DEAR SIR,—

Marton, 13th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Germans in the Manawatu electorate, I beg to tender you our inexpressible regret for the loss of your great and noble chief, Mr. Seddon, and lament with you our deprivation of one so great and good; and to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy for the loss of a dearly beloved husband and father.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

B. GOILE.

NATIVES OF THE ARAWA TRIBE.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 14th June, 1906.

ON behalf of my people, accept our sincerest and heartfelt sorrow for the death of a truly illustrious chief in the late Premier. We have lost a staunch friend and a benefactor of our race. Whatever political differences we had we recognised always that he was a father indeed to us. Kindly convey this our expression to Mrs. Seddon and family. We weep with them.

WILLIAM TE WAIATUA ROGERS, of the Arawa Tribe.

NATIVES OF CANTERBURY.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Tuahiwi, 11th June, 1906.

CONVEY to Mrs. Seddon and family heartfelt sympathy and condolence with them in their bereavement, and the deep regret of the Maoris of Canterbury at the loss which they and the colony have sustained.

JOHN HOPERE URU.

KURAHAUPO MAORI COUNCIL AND PEOPLE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 12th June, 1906.

As Chairman of Kurahaupo Maori Council, I desire you to accept sympathy on calamity that has befallen the father of the Maoris. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family Kurahaupo's heartfelt sorrow on their sudden bereavement.

TARAU MARUMARU.

NATIVES OF MANGANUI.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Manganui, 11th June, 1906.

MANGANUI Natives desire me to express to you and your colleagues their great sorrow on receipt of news of the death of Mr. Seddon, whom they have always regarded as the friend of the Maori. On behalf of my constituents, the chiefs and tribes of the Eastern Maori District, I deplore the loss of the great white man whom they honoured as friend, father, and chief. *Kanui te pouri.*

A. T. NGATA.

NATIVES OF SOUTH CANTERBURY.

DEAR SIR,—

Temuka, 15th June, 1906.

I am desired, on behalf of the Maoris and half-castes at Arowhenua, Temuka, Morven, Glenavy, and throughout South Canterbury, to communicate to you and the Government their deep sorrow at the death of the late Premier, Mr. Seddon, recording appreciation of his services rendered to both Maoris and half-castes, and to all inhabitants of this colony.

Hark! Hark! There is a sound of weeping in the Maori pas. Aged women beat their breasts, strong men stand by with heaving chests and clouded brows, young women lift their streaming eyes to Heaven, even the children join their wailing to the lamentations of their parents; for the Maoris are mourning the death of their great chief, with tears scarcely dried, their hearts still full of sadness and woe for the loss sustained by them of their great white chief and adviser.

Please convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our very deepest sympathy in their present bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

JAMES C. RIELLERS,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Chairman, Arowhenua Maori Meeting.

NATIVES OF MASTERTON.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Masterton, 13th June, 1906.

KEI te tangi te ngakau mo to matau matua kua riro nei ia aitua. Haere, e koro, ki te kainga tuturu. Ko te aroha me o mahi mo to iwi Maori hei rino here i te aroha ki waenganui I to hoa aroha me ta korua whanau. Tukua atu tenei tangi a te puka maori ki te poueru.

TE TAU.

(Translation.)

THE mind is weeping for our parent who has been taken by Aitua (fate). Depart, O sir, to your permanent abode! Love for you and your labours for the Maori people will firmly bind your loving wife and family together in love. Let this message of condolence from the Maori branch (of the people) be conveyed to the widow.

TE TAU.

NATIVE SANITARY INSPECTORS.

FRIEND,—

Wellington, 18th June, 1906.

Greeting to you in the house of sorrow for our departed friend.

On behalf of the Native Sanitary Inspectors, representing the Maori people, and in the absence of Dr. Pomare, the head of the Department, we hereby tender our deep sympathy and our grief at the death of our father who has gone to that home of eternal peace and rest.

He was the guardian of the two races of this land, and he is now no more to be seen amongst us. We are left in sadness and tears to sympathize with his beloved family.

This is our lament for our friend who is now departed from us :—

Blow on ye cold winds on Tararua's lofty height,
To shed its tears o'er Poneke's lonely vale,
Farewell to Tinirau's Ika Nui with might,
O Father this is a sad farewell.

Please convey this our message to his bereaved wife and her sorrowing family.

This is all from your friends.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

T. PARATA, M.H.R.
IHAIA HUTANA.
TAIAWHIO TE TAU.

NATIVES OF PATEA.

HONOURED SIR,—

Patea, 17th June, 1906.

At the close of our usual church service to-day the Maoris assembled wished me to request you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family their deep sympathy with them in the sad bereavement they are now enduring. I am also requested to convey to you their deep sense of the loss they have sustained as a people in the death of the late Premier, who on several occasions visited them and secured their abiding esteem and regard.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier.

I am, &c.,

T. G. HAMMOND.

RONGOKAKO MAORI COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Papawai, 18th June, 1906.

On behalf of myself and the Rongokako Maori Council of Wairarapa, kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy with them in their sad bereavement of our great *rangatira*, who has departed from us all. *Haere atu ra eto matau tino atawhai aroha pono waiho panitia iho matau i muri nei tou Iwi maori.*

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

WHENUA H. MANIHERA, Chairman.

TAAKITENUI COUNCIL AND EAST COAST TRIBES.

(Telegram.)

Mr. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Gisborne, 15th June, 1906.

Oh friend! our sympathy is with you, who are now in the house of sorrow through the death of our dear friend, our great chief, our kind parent, the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon. Our hearts were started and are pained with the tidings of his death, of his sudden fall on the bosom of the broad sea of Kiwa. Go, depart! oh father of orphans and widows, leader of the faint-hearted, pilot of your canoe "Aotearoa" that now floats guideless, orator in great councils of the world! You rejoiced with those that rejoiced, you wept with those that wept, your hand had often been grasped by Royalties, and yours had more often gripped that of the lowliest. Go, *haere ra!* you that bound together the bulwarks of the State and of the Empire, you the refuge of your Maori people now orphaned by your death, who can know who can tell, perhaps left to the tender mercies of numerous fathers to come! Thy mouth has been closed by the strong and violent hand of death, but the sound of your voice for ages to come will ring out through the valleys of these Islands and throughout the world by means of the great and humane deeds which during your lifetime you accomplished. These deeds will be an everlasting monument to you in the hearts of men. The words are true of you, "Their labours do follow them," "He being dead yet speaketh." We would not complain of your death—the will of the Almighty be done. Friend, convey our true sympathy to the widow and orphans—great is the sorrow of our hearts on their behalf. Let them become the adopted children of the nation, for by them the honoured name of their father will ever be called. May the God of all Comfort comfort them in their affliction and ours all.

TAAKITENUI COUNCIL AND EAST COAST TRIBES.

NATIVES OF TAUMUTU.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Christchurch, 15th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and bereaved family the sincere grief and sympathy from the Natives of Taumutu. *Haere atu raeto matou matua e te whatu marama haere haere haere atu ra.*

HOANI RAPATINI.

NATIVES OF TE KAHA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Premier, Wellington.

Opotiki, 25th June, 1906.

TE KAHA Natives wish me convey their sincere regret at sad loss of Premier and Minister of Education.
HOPE.

NATIVES OF TE RARAWA TRIBE.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

June, 1906.

A WORD of farewell. A loving message from Te Rarawa Tribe and its hapus upon the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier:—

Farewell, father, the parent of the two races inhabiting this colony! Depart, thy spirit, to the permanent resting-place. Your acts of administration remain as a source of increasing benefit to this colony, and a cause of congratulation to your peoples after you. The Maori saying runs, "The grave of evil will not be mourned, but the grave of good will be lamented." Therefore, depart O grave of good! These loving messages and these words of farewell arise through your having departed from amidst your two races; you left us in health; you returned to your people, to your family, to your Ministers, to the land, you came back to us—dead. Therefore all measure of loving sympathy is expressed for you. Farewell! The representative of our great King, the strong man, the furnisher of ideas, the man who held the Premiership of this Island for this length of time, your reputation has reached to the ends of the earth. Depart in obedience to the ordinance of God. God has said that man sojourns as a stranger in this world. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away.

This is a loving message from us to the widow of the Premier and her family:—

O mother! greetings in the great and sorrowful misfortune which has befallen you and your family! He has been taken by God from before your view, and from the view of his two races. O mother! may God keep you and your family and strengthen you to bear this great sorrow which has descended upon you and your family.

To conclude our message of loving sympathy we employ the ancient Maori *mihī*. This was a message of condolence used in the case of the fall of great minds, of the founders of principles of peace-makers.

Ka tupu te toi ki tua, ka tupu te toi ki aro;
Ka tupu te toi nui, haa kau taku rata.

R. T. PUHIPI,
On behalf of Te Rarawa Tribe.

TONGARIRO COUNCIL AND NGATITUWHARETOA TRIBE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Taupo, 16th June, 1906.

HE mihī aroha na te Tongariro Kaunihera me Ngatituwharetoa katoa ki to tatou Piriimia tino atawhai aroha nui ki ona iwi e rua. Haere te matua o te pani o te pouaru me te rawakore.

PARATI PAURINI, Tiamana Kaunihera Heuheu.

(Translation.)

THIS is a heartfelt lament from the Tongariro Council and the whole of Ngatituwharetoa Tribe for our (late) Premier. Great indeed was the loving kindness that he showed to both his peoples (the pakeha and the Maori). Gone is the father of the orphan, the widow and the poverty-stricken.

PARATI PAURINI,
Chairman of the Council, Heuheu Tukino.

NATIVES OF WAIMA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Waima, 12th June, 1906.

KA nui te pouri o nga tangata o Waima mo te matenga o to tatou rangatira nui.

J. TAWHAI.

(Translation.)

GREAT is the grief of the people of Waima because of the death of our great rangatira.

RESIDENTS OF DARGAVILLE.

DEAR MR. MILLS,—

Dargaville, 25th June, 1906.

I forward, under separate cover, six copies of the *Wairoa Bell* containing a report of the memorial service held in Dargaville, as a slight recognition of our respect to the memory of our departed Premier. All shades of political opinion were represented, and the deepest respect and regret were expressed at our great loss.

I may state that the committee, of which I have the honour to act as secretary, presented a copy of a memorial card to every one that attended the service (over five hundred).

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

J. HAY, Postmaster.

SETTLERS OF PELORUS AND CANVASTOWN.

DEAR SIR,—

Canvastown, 18th June, 1906.

The settlers of Pelorus and Canvastown asked me to send, through you, their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement. Natives also send their sympathy.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

A. W. DILLON.

RESIDENTS OF HAVELOCK.

(Telegram.)

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Havelock, 18th June, 1906.

PUBLIC meeting Saturday night carried resolution sympathy and regret death Mr. Seddon. Please convey to Mrs. Seddon and family.

STACE, Chairman.

NIUE ISLAND ADMINISTRATION.

SIR,—

Niue, 13th July, 1906.

I respectfully beg to express my sorrow and regret caused by the sad news of the death of the late Right Honourable R. J. Seddon.

The white residents of this island, to most of whom the late honourable gentleman was personally known, join with me in lamenting his sudden decease.

Owing to the isolated situation of Niue, a month has elapsed before the sad news reached us.

On their behalf I beg to offer sincere condolences to Mrs. Seddon, who is well remembered as having accompanied her distinguished husband on the occasion of his visit to Niue.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

C. F. MAXWELL, Resident Commissioner.

PATUIKI OF NIUE ISLAND (COOK GROUP).

SIR,—

Niue, 13th July, 1906.

I am requested by Togia, the Patuiki (or king) of Niue, to convey to the Government of New Zealand the expression of his deep sorrow and regret, occasioned by the sad news of the decease of the late Right Honourable R. J. Seddon, which reached him on the 10th instant.

The Patuiki will ever remember the pleasure afforded by the visit of the late Premier of New Zealand to this island, when his courtesy and genial kindness left an impression on the hearts of the Niue people which will never be effaced.

He trusts he may be permitted to tender his heartfelt though belated condolence to Mrs. Seddon in her great bereavement.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

C. F. MAXWELL, Resident Commissioner.

RESIDENTS OF HURUNUI.

DEAR SIR,—

Hurunui, 16th June, 1906.

At a public meeting of the residents of the Hurunui District the following resolution was unanimously carried: "That this meeting desires to forward to Mrs. Seddon and family their deep feeling of loss at the death of our esteemed Premier, and offers their sincere condolence and sympathy in their bereavement and the irreparable loss the colony has sustained by the death of such a distinguished statesman—one who never spared himself when the good of the colony or the Empire was concerned."

By forwarding the above resolution to Mrs. Seddon and family you will greatly oblige the residents of the Hurunui District.

Signed on behalf of the Hurunui residents,

WILLIAM GREENHOW.
THOMAS NOWLING.G. W. HILLS.
D. P. THURSTON.

Mr. W. T. Wood, M.H.R.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

OFFICERS OF THE S.S. "OSWESTRY GRANGE."

Mrs. Seddon.

S.S. "Oswestry Grange," 16th June, 1906.

WE, the undersigned, as officers of the steamer on which your illustrious husband, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., passed away, desire to express to you our deep and sincere sympathy in

this your sad bereavement and irretrievable loss. We earnestly trust that the Bountiful Giver of Good will endue you and your family with strength and comfort to sustain you and yours in your deep hour of trial:

R. DOUGLAS TAYLOR, Commander.	G. E. DENBIGH, Chief Engineer.
J. M. PEARSON, Chief Officer.	W. B. LIDDELL, Second Engineer.
A. LOBBAM, Second Officer.	D. MCKENZIE, Third Engineer.
R. SUTHERLAND, Third Officer.	R. FLINT, Fourth Engineer.
R. S. DURHAM, Fourth Officer.	A. C. KENNA, Fifth Engineer.
S. J. MINCHIN, Doctor.	J. W. H. WAUGH, Sixth Engineer.
LOUIS W. BIGGS, Purser.	R. BELGRAVE, Chief Refrigerating Engineer.
A. ROGERS, Steward.	L. E. BURFORD, Second Refrigerating Engineer.
E. A. HARDING, Apprentice.	

(Petty Officers.)

A. KEGEL, Boatswain.	W. ANDER, Carpenter.
R. S. NEWCOMB, Saloon Passenger.	

STEERAGE PASSENGERS ON THE "OSWESTRY GRANGE."

Mrs. Seddon. S.S. "Oswestry Grange, Steerage, 10th June, 1906.

WE, the undersigned, beg to offer you our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the terrible loss which you have sustained through the sudden death of your beloved husband, the Right Hon. Mr. Richard Seddon.

We cannot but express our deep regret that such a sad event should have transpired on board during this brief voyage from Sydney to Auckland.

THOS. EASTBURY,
JAMES MCLETCHE, M.A.,
And 68 others.

TE AUTE COMMISSION.

MY DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington, 25th June, 1906.

It is my melancholy duty to hand you the enclosed resolution of sympathy from the Te Aute Commission, and I beg to add my expression to them, in sincerest sorrow.

Hoping the affliction will be assuaged as you realise by degrees—you and yours—the true meaning of his splendid services to his fellow-men, and his marvellous devotion to duty.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

R. A. LOUGHNAN.

(Resolution.)

"That this Commission (being the last Royal Commission appointed by the late Premier) desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family their heartfelt sympathy in the sad bereavement they have sustained."

CHAS. KETTLE, Chairman.	} Members.
A. W. HOGG,	
ROBERT LEE,	
APIRANA T. NGATA,	
H. J. H. ELIOTT,	
R. A. LOUGHNAN, Secretary.	

Wellington, 25th June, 1906.

TE AROHA BRANCH LIBERAL AND LABOUR FEDERATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

11th June, 1906.

OUR heartfelt sympathy for the irreparable loss.

J. SALMON,
Secretary, Te Aroha Liberal Labour Federation.

HAWERA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BUGLE BAND.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Hawera, 15th June, 1906.

The Bugle Band of our school were so sorry to hear such sad news about Mr. Seddon, and we wish to let you know how very sad we all feel and how very sorry we are for you.

Do you remember that we gave you a little photo. of our band when you and Mr. Seddon visited Hawera?

We shall feel so honoured and pleased if you will send us, some time, a photo. of Mr. Seddon and yourself to hang in our room, so that we may often look at it and remember that although Mr. Seddon was such a great man yet he took an interest in boys.

I remain, &c.,

KARL STRACK, Captain (age eleven).

HOKITIKA CITIZENS' BAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Hokitika, 14th June, 1906.

The Hokitika Citizens' Band wish me to convey to you their sincere sympathy in your great loss, which we look on as a loss to ourselves.

Trusting you and family are in good health.

Mrs. Seddon and Family.

I am, &c.,

W. G. MANSFIELD, Hon. Secretary.

NASEBY BRASS BAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Naseby, 16th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Naseby Brass Band it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to you, expressing the deep sympathy of the members with you in your hour of trial.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

F. P. CHRISTOPHER, Hon. Secretary.

SOUTHLAND CALEDONIAN PIPE BAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Athenæum Chambers, Dee Street, Invercargill, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Caledonian Pipe Band of Southland allow me to tender you our sincere sympathy with yourself and family in your sad bereavement.

The members of the band oftimes recall the pleasant trip they had to Sydney at the Commonwealth celebrations and the uniform kindness and consideration extended to them by your late respected husband and yourself.

Again assuring you of our heartfelt sympathy and respect.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JAMES MACGREGOR, Drum-Major.

ROTORUA FIRE BRIGADE.

DEAR MADAM,—

14th June, 1906.

In compliance with a request from the Rotorua Fire Brigade I have the honour to hand you herewith a letter conveying the sincere sympathy of the members of the brigade in the great loss you have sustained through the death of your beloved husband.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

C. WALLNUTT,
Chairman, Rotorua Town Council.

To Mrs. Seddon and Family, Wellington.

12th June, 1906.

THE members of the Rotorua Volunteer Fire Brigade tender to you their sincere sympathy in the great loss you have sustained through the death of your beloved husband and father and our great illustrious Premier.

W. E. BENNETT, Captain.

ASHBURTON VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE.

MADAM,—

9th July, 1906.

I have been requested by my committee to notify you of the following resolution, passed unanimously at their last meeting: "That the brigade places on record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the late Premier, R. J. Seddon, and extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family on the occasion of their irreparable loss."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

F. S. NICHOLLS, Hon. Secretary.

OTAGO DOCK TRUST.

DEAR MADAM,—

Port Chalmers, 16th June, 1906.

It is my painful duty to have to express the deep sorrow felt by the Otago Dock Trust at the death of your husband, and I am directed to convey to you the following resolution which was adopted at a special meeting of the trust: "That the Otago Dock Trust expresses its great sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, and views his death as a national calamity; and offers its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their great trial."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

FRANK KETTLE, Secretary.

HERRICKS'S CITY MISSION HOME.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 28th June, 1906.

At the meeting of the board of advice of this home, held this evening (being our first meeting since the lamented death of Mr. Seddon), it was unanimously decided to place on record our sorrow

at the sudden and unexpected loss the colony and this home have sustained; and I am also desired to convey to yourself and family our sincere sympathy in your heavy trial.

Trusting that our great heavenly Father may supply the comfort and consolation that He alone can bestow in this your time of sore bereavement,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

E. MACRAE, Hon. Secretary.

DENNISTON RIFLES.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Denniston, 15th June, 1906.

DENNISTON Rifles respectfully tender sincerest sympathy. We deeply mourn with you our great loss.
CHAS. BROWN, Captain.

GLENNAVY RIFLE CLUB.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Glenavy, 19th June, 1906.

The Glenavy Rifle Club, at their meeting last night, Monday, 18th June, passed the following motion: "That a resolution of sympathy be recorded with Mrs. Seddon and family in the recent sad bereavement which has befallen them in the death of the Prime Minister of New Zealand."

Carried, all rising in silence.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

JAMES M. PEEBLES, Hon. Secretary.

WORKMEN ON COOK'S RIVER ROAD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and Family, Wellington.

Waiho Gorge, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of myself and the men working with me—namely, Robert Bennington, James Nicol, John Snow, Thomas Watson, George Gerke—please accept our heartfelt sympathy in your recent sad bereavement by the death of your husband, New Zealand's Premier. May the knowledge that we and thousands of New-Zealanders equally mourn with you the loss of a friend and a great statesman help you to bear your sad affliction.

PATRICK PURCELL, Road Overseer.

DANNEVIRKE HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

DEAR MADAM,—

High School, Dannevirke, 27th August, 1906.

At a meeting of the Dannevirke High School Board of Governors, held on the 29th June last, the following resolution was unanimously passed, all standing: "It was unanimously agreed to place on record our sense of the loss that the question of education throughout the colony has sustained through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Premier of the colony, and to express our sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their bereavement." I regret very much having delayed so long in sending you a copy of this resolution.

I beg to say that we had learned in many ways to appreciate the worth of the late Premier, and very specially during the time he was Minister of Education.

We pray that the God of all Grace will sustain, comfort, and bless you and yours in your bereavement and sorrow.

In deepest sympathy, and with much respect and esteem,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

A. GRANT, Hon. Secretary.

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

MAYOR OF KUMARA.

Greymouth, 12th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy from Kumara people in your great sorrow.

MURDOCH, Mayor.

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

WESTPORT ARTILLERY.

Westport, 13th June, 1906.

WESTPORT Artillery tender deepest sympathy.

THOMAS CARR, Captain.

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

WESTPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Westport, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT sincere sympathy from this Council and the townspeople in your present severe bereavement in the loss of a good father and a great man. Please convey our great sorrow to the other members of your family.

GEO. H. GOTHARD, Mayor.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

JUDGE R. N. JONES.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

ACCEPT sympathy loss of colleague. New Zealand mourns patriot.
whole life.

Hastings, 11th June, 1906.

His death in harness emblematic
R. N. JONES, Judge.

JUDGE H. DUNBAR JOHNSON.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

BEG tender sincere sympathy with Cabinet in loss sustained by death of great Premier.

Wairoa, 12th June, 1906.

H. DUNBAR JOHNSON, Judge, Native Land Court.

NELSON LICENSING COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Magistrate's Office, Nelson, 13th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Licensing Committee for the District of the City of Nelson, to forward to you a copy of a resolution unanimously passed by them at their annual meeting of the 11th instant. The copy of resolution is hereto annexed, and the Licensing Committee request that you will be good enough to transmit it to Mrs. Seddon upon her arrival in New Zealand.

I may add that the members of the Licensing Committee were assembled in my room considering some preliminary matters before going into the Court-room. At 11.45 the melancholy intelligence of the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon was communicated to me, and by me to the Committee. The news was received with profound emotion and distress, and it was resolved that at noon we should take our seats formally on the bench and adjourn until 2 p.m. At 2 p.m. the Committee resumed, when the resolution enclosed was proposed by Mr. Atmore, seconded by Major Coleman, and carried as above.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

H. EYRE KENNY, S.M., Chairman.

(Resolution.)

“That this Committee desires to express its deep sense of sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to place on record its high appreciation of the eminent services rendered by him to this colony and the Empire, and, further, to express its deepest sympathy with the relatives of the deceased statesman.”

MASTERTON FIRE POLICE AND SALVAGE CORPS.

DEAR SIR,—

Masterton, 28th June, 1906.

On behalf of my corps, I am instructed to convey to you the following resolution which was carried at our meeting held last night: “That the Masterton Fire Police and Salvage Corps desire to place on record and to express their sincere sympathy in your late sad bereavement.”

The whole of the members wish me to convey to you their condolence and sympathy.

Please convey to Mrs. Seddon and family.

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

L. H. LEWIS, Secretary.

PARNELL VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE.

DEAR SIR,—

Parnell, 20th June, 1906.

At the usual meeting of the Parnell Volunteer Fire Brigade, the following resolution was carried in silence, on the motion of the Secretary: “That this brigade desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the colony through the death of its Premier, the late Hon. R. J. Seddon. And also to record its high appreciation of the services rendered by him during his long Premiership. The brigade further desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy and condolence in their hour of sad affliction.”

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

CHAS. E. COLLINS, Secretary.

WANGANUI FIRE BRIGADE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family deep sympathy of Captain Spriggins and others Wanganui Fire Brigade in the great loss the colony has suffered through the death of Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Wanganui, 20th June, 1906.

B. PRICE, Secretary.

NURSING STAFF OF THE AUCKLAND HOSPITAL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Auckland, 15th June, 1906.

THE nursing staff of the Auckland Hospital desire me to express to Mrs. Seddon and family deep sympathy at the irreparable loss they have sustained.

H. N. GARLAND, Secretary.

COUNCIL OF THE AUCKLAND SAILORS' HOME.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 12th June, 1906.

THE Auckland Sailors' Home council desire to express their profound sorrow in the calamity that has befallen our colony through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. Our colony has lost its greatest Prime Minister; our nation has lost a great and patriotic statesman. We beg to express our heart-felt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

HERBERT PEAKE, President.

THAMES VETERAN CONTINGENTERS.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Thames, 14th June, 1906.

THAMES Veteran Contingenters express sincere regret death Premier.

J. SHAND.

THAMES VETERANS.

DEAR SIR,—

Thames, 12th June, 1906.

I, Sergeant Donnelly, on behalf of the Thames Veterans, tender our sincere sympathy to the wife and family of our late Premier.

Yours truly,

Hon. Hall-Jones.

SERGEANT J. DONNELLY.

CANTERBURY SECTION OF FIFTH CONTINGENT.

DEAR SIR,—

Clarence Road, Riccarton, 21st June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Canterbury section of the Fifth Contingent, held last evening, I was instructed to forward you the following resolution: "That this meeting wishes to express its deep regret at Mr. Seddon's death, and sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family."

Yours, &c.,

PETER A. CHAPLIN, Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

NORTH OTAGO HIGHLAND PIPE BAND.

SIR,—

Oamaru, 15th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the officers and members of the North Otago Highland Pipe Band to request you to convey our sympathy to the wife and family of the late Mr. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

WM. COUPER, Secretary.

FRANKLIN MOUNTED RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Clevedon, 15th June, 1906.

ACCEPT heartfelt grief at irreparable loss to New Zealand by death of Hon. R. J. Seddon, Defence Minister of this colony.

CAPTAIN SHAW.

WALLACE MOUNTED RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Invercargill, 16th June, 1906.

THE Wallace Mounted Rifles extend to Mrs. Seddon and family their deepest sympathy with other subjects of the Empire. We mourn a great captain's death. May our records be as good.

W. SAUNDERS, Captain.

"ALL BLACKS" NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM, 1905.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Penrose, 16th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon, on behalf of the "All Blacks," our heartfelt sympathy and deep sorrow at the loss of the Premier.

GALLAGHER, Captain.

AUSTRALIAN MAYORS AND MUNICIPALITIES.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Hall, Sydney, 14th June, 1906.

I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the Sydney Municipal Council on the 12th instant a resolution expressive of the Council's sense of profound sorrow at the lamentably sudden death of your late husband, and its high appreciation of the permanent benefits which his long public service yielded to New Zealand, was unanimously carried, and I was directed to convey to you the condolence of the Council and citizens of Sydney in your sad bereavement.

Mr. Seddon's warm interest in the progress of Australia, and in all questions affecting the unity of the British race, marked him as a statesman of the Empire, and the memory of his noble character and achievements is sure to be long cherished in these lands.

Believe me, &c.,

ALLEN TAYLOR, Lord Mayor of Sydney.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington. New Zealand.

In witness hereof the common seal of the Council was hereto affixed by me.—T. H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.

The COUNCIL CLERK, Bexley, to the PREMIER, New South Wales.

June, 1906.

I HAVE the honour, by direction, to inform you that the subjoined resolution was passed at the last meeting of this Council, and to request that you will be so good as to convey it to Mrs. Seddon.

RICHARD W. CHURCHILL, Council Clerk.

(Resolution.)

“That this Council places on record its deep regret at the loss which the community has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., Premier of New Zealand, and that the sympathy of the Council be conveyed to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family in their great bereavement.”

TOWNSPEOPLE OF BROKEN HILL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Broken Hill, 11th June, 1906.

PEOPLE Broken Hill express deepest sympathy with you in your sad bereavement.

T. IVEY, Mayor.

MURWILLUMBAH COUNCIL, NEW SOUTH WALES

MADAM,—

Council Chambers, Murwillumbah, 15th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the members of my Council to convey to you the following resolution, which was unanimously carried at their first meeting since the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon: Resolution by Alderman Strut, seconded by A. Budd, “That this Council expresses its sense of the great loss to the Empire by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and conveys its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon on the loss of her noble husband.”

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, New Zealand.

ROBT. CAMPBELL, Council Clerk.

CITY COUNCIL OF NEWCASTLE, NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Newcastle, 11th June, 1906.

THE Newcastle Council tenders to you and your family its deepest sympathy, and records its high appreciation of the eminent services of the deceased statesman, Richard Seddon.

ARTHUR H. JAMES, Mayor.

PADDINGTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Hall, Paddington, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to convey to you and members of your family an expression of the sincere and very deep sympathy of the Paddington Municipal Council in connection with your recent lamentable bereavement.

It is recognised that your loss is also that of the great colony with whose destinies the departed statesman was so eminently associated for many years, and I am to assure you of the high esteem and regard in which he was held by the people in this as in other parts of our State and elsewhere in Australia.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

TOWN CLERK.

BOROUGH OF RANDWICK, NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEAR MADAM,—

Sydney, 18th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Randwick to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy with you and your family in the very sad loss you have sustained by the death of your noble and beloved husband.

In your sad hour of distress it must be a great consolation to know that your late husband was not only beloved by the people of New Zealand, but also held the respect and goodwill of the Empire at large.

My Council trust that you will be long spared to the people who idolized your late beloved husband.

Mrs. R. Seddon, New Zealand.

I am, &c.,

ERNEST H. STRACHAN, Council Clerk.

LORD MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF MELBOURNE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

CITIZENS of Melbourne express their deep sympathy and condolence with you in your sorrow.

HENRY WEEDON, Lord Mayor.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF BALLARAT, VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Richard Seddon, Sydney.

Ballarat, 11th June, 1906.

PERMIT me to express to you deepest sympathy of Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Ballarat in heavy bereavement you have sustained, and ask you and your family to accept our condolences.

JOHN WHYKES, Mayor.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF BALLARAT EAST, VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Ballarat East, Victoria, 12th June, 1906.

MAYOR and Councillors, Ballarat East, desire to express deepest sympathy for you in your sad bereavement.

JOHN RITCHIE, Mayor.

CITY COUNCIL OF BENDIGO, VICTORIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Hall, Bendigo, 17th July, 1906.

At a meeting of the Bendigo City Council, held on 22nd June, 1906, it was decided to place on record the Council's expression of deep regret at the irreparable loss Australasia has sustained by the death of New Zealand's Premier.

I am also instructed to convey to you and your family the sincerest sympathy of the Council and citizens of Bendigo in the great loss you and they have sustained, and to express the hope that the knowledge of the widespread expressions of the great work your late husband has accomplished in this Southern Hemisphere, and the estimation in which his noble character is held by all classes, may in some slight degree assuage your grief and modify the great loss which the Almighty has called on you to bear.

Mrs. Seddon, New Zealand.

I remain, &c.,

WM. HONEYBONE, Town Clerk.

CITIZENS OF BENDIGO, VICTORIA.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Town Hall, 19th June, 1906.

Permit me to join the vast multitude in expressing profound sorrow and sympathy with you and your family in the sad bereavement which you are called on to face.

Australasia has, indeed, lost a pioneer statesman. That expression was conveyed to the good people of New Zealand by the citizens of Bendigo on the day we received the sad and thrilling news.

Kindly allow me to express the hope that the Almighty will give you and yours strength to bear the great trial you are now passing through.

Mrs. R. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

I remain, &c.,

W. HONEYBONE, Town Clerk.

COUNCILLORS AND RATEPAYERS OF BRUNSWICK, VICTORIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Hall, Brunswick, 12th June, 1906.

I beg to convey to you and the members of your family the deepest sympathy of the Councillors and ratepayers of the Town of Brunswick in the unforeseen misfortune which has so suddenly fallen upon you, the people of the Commonwealth, and more especially New Zealand, by the extremely sad and sudden demise of your husband.

The Councillors, in passing the resolution, were deep in expressions of sympathy, which the general public knowledge of the personality and character of the deceased gentleman gave them the opportunity

to utter, and reference was also made to the very high and noble qualifications which marked his progress in life. To each of the bereaved they offer sincere sympathy, with the hope that the power of the Divine Giver may be with them in this personal and great national loss.

Mrs. Richard Seddon, New Zealand.

I am, &c.,

JAMES ALLAN, Mayor.

CAMBERWELL COUNCIL, VICTORIA.

MADAM,—

Town Hall, Camberwell, 14th June, 1906.

By direction, I have the honour to forward you the attached copy of a resolution adopted by this Council at its last meeting: "That this Council places on record its deep regret at the great loss sustained by the British Empire by the sudden death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and tenders its respectful sympathy and condolences to his wife and family in their severe bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

R. W. SMELLIE, Town Clerk.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF FITZROY, VICTORIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Fitzroy, 19th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of this city, I beg with all respect to offer to you and the members of your family an assurance of their profound sympathy with you in the bereavement you have sustained by the death of your husband under very sad circumstances. The Council has caused a record to be made in the minutes of its high estimation of Mr. Seddon's sterling personal qualities and of the monumental work done by him as an Empire builder.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

I am, &c.,

A. BATSON, Town Clerk.

CITIZENS OF FOOTSCRAY, VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Footscray, 13th June, 1906.

FOOTSCRAY citizens deeply sympathize with you and family in sudden sad bereavement.

D. BARNET, Town Clerk.

GEE LONG COUNCIL, VICTORIA.

MADAM,—

Town Hall, Geelong, 20th June, 1906.

At the last meeting of this Council, feeling references were made to the sad and sudden death of your late husband, and I was directed to convey to you its deepest sympathies and condolences with you in your great bereavement.

This Council fully realise that you and also New Zealand have suffered a great loss.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

A. L. WALTER, Town Clerk.

GEE LONG WEST TOWN COUNCIL, VICTORIA.

MADAM,—

4th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that at the last meeting of this Council the following resolution was duly passed: "That this Council places on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., and expresses its deepest sympathy with his wife and family and the people of New Zealand."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

HENRY BANNISTER, Town Clerk.

SHIRE COUNCIL OF ROSEDALE, VICTORIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

Shire Office, Rosedale, 2nd July, 1906.

At a meeting of the Rosedale Shire Council last week, the following motion was passed unanimously: "That this Council deeply regrets the loss of such an able statesman as the late Richard Seddon, and desires to convey to the widow and family its regret and sympathy, and to express the hope that his son may follow the example of his illustrious father in public life."

It is with feelings of deep regret that I have the honour to forward you the above copy of resolution as a slight tribute of respect to the memory of a grand statesman and noble father.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon and Family, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

L. H. SAMBELL, Shire Secretary.

TOWN COUNCIL OF ST. KILDA, VICTORIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Hall, 23rd June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council of St. Kilda, to convey to you the expression of its deep sympathy with you and the members of your family in your sad bereavement.

By the death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, P.C., one of the ablest statesmen of his time, not only the Colony of New Zealand but also the Commonwealth of Australia and the Empire at large have suffered an irreparable loss.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

J. N. BROWNE, Town Clerk.

COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. Seddon, "Oswestry Grange," Sydney.

Williamstown, Victoria, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Council and residents of Williamstown, accept sincerest and deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement. A national and irreparable loss.

F. H. BOLTON, Mayor.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF PORT ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Port Adelaide, 11th June, 1906

WILL you and your family please accept the sincere condolence and sympathy of myself and the citizens in your sad bereavement.

JOHN SWEENEY, Mayor.

MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF NORWOOD, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Hall, Norwood, South Australia, 13th June, 1906.

I am directed by His Worship the Mayor (H. J. Holden, Esq., J.P.), the Aldermen, and Councillors of my Council to convey to you, and through you to the members of your family, their very sincere sympathy in the great loss and sad bereavement you have so unexpectedly and suddenly been called upon to bear by the death of your late husband, the Hon. Richard Seddon.

Although personally unknown to the members of my Council, they could not fail to recognise and appreciate the whole-heartedness, integrity, and strength of purpose which have characterized for so many years his every public action; and by being cut off thus, at the very zenith of his powers, they feel that Australia as well as New Zealand has lost a true, noble, and upright son.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

E. O. GOODEN, Acting Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THEBARTON, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

Thebarton Corporation, Adelaide, South Australia, June, 1906.

On behalf of His Worship the Mayor and the Councillors of the Corporation of the Town of Thebarton, I beg to convey to yourself and family my Council's sincere sympathy in your sad bereavement.

My Council feel that the British Empire and the cause of humanity have sustained a great loss by the death of the Hon. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

HUBERT H. COWELL, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF BRISBANE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Brisbane, 12th June, 1906.

THE citizens of Brisbane are in heartfelt sympathy with you and family in your great affliction.

JOHN CRASE, Mayor.

CITY COUNCIL OF SOUTH BRISBANE.

MADAM —

Municipal Chambers, 19th June, 1906.

It was with the deepest regret that my Council heard of the loss sustained by yourself and family in the decease of your late husband, a loss which, I am sure, is felt and mourned throughout the British Empire.

Mr. Seddon had so endeared himself to all in the Southern Hemisphere by his whole-hearted efforts for the betterment of mankind, and by his earnest loyalty to his King as well as to his adopted country, that the loss is indeed a national one and is sincerely regretted by all classes of the community.

My Council desires me to convey to you an earnest expression of its sympathy with yourself and family in your affliction, and trusts that the knowledge of the existence of a widespread sympathy may be some slight comfort to you in your grief.

I have, &c.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, New Zealand.

ALFRED LENEY, Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LAURA, QUEENSLAND.

MADAM—

13th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Council of the Corporation of Laura, in meeting assembled, to convey to you and your family their sincere sympathy in the death of your husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

The sad news came as a great surprise and shock to all in this town, and general regret is expressed that so useful a life should have been so suddenly ended, and the influence and ability of so useful a man lost not only to New Zealand but the whole of the Empire of which he was so proud to belong.

Again expressing our sincere sympathy with you and your family, and trusting that you may be Divinely supported in your sad bereavement.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

W. H. CAMPBELL, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF ALBANY, WEST AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Albany, 11th June, 1906.

ACCEPT deepest sympathy from citizens of Albany in your very sad bereavement and the Empire's loss.

SAMUEL GEORGE BUTCHER, Mayor.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF LEONORA, WEST AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. Seddon, Sydney.

Leonora, 12th June, 1906.

CITIZENS of Leonora extend their heartfelt condolences to you in your sudden bereavement, and trust that time and the grace of God will heal the wound caused by your and the people's sad loss.

SNELL, Mayor.

AUSTRALIAN MAYORS AND MUNICIPALITIES.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

LORD MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND CITIZENS OF SYDNEY.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Sydney, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf Aldermen and citizens Sydney and myself, desire tender deepest condolences and sympathy with your colony in its sudden loss by the death of its beloved and world-respected Premier, whose recent visit amongst us served to deepen our admiration for his great character and talents.

LORD MAYOR.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.

DEAR SIR,—

Sydney, 14th June, 1906.

I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the Sydney Municipal Council on the 13th inst., a resolution expressive of the Council's sense of profound sorrow at the lamentably sudden death of the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and of its high appreciation of the splendid services he rendered to New Zealand, and the practical interest he always evinced in the affairs of Australia and the whole British Empire, was unanimously carried; and I was directed to convey to the people of New Zealand, through you, the condolence of the Council and the citizens of Sydney in the great loss they have sustained by Mr. Seddon's death.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

ALLEN TAYLOR, Lord Mayor of Sydney.

In witness whereof the common seal of the Council was hereto affixed by me.—T. H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.

MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND CITIZENS OF BOURKE, NEW SOUTH WALES.

SIR,—

Bourke, 14th June, 1906.

I have the honour, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of Bourke and myself, to tender deepest condolence and sympathy with your colony in its sudden loss by death of its beloved and well-respected Premier, whose sad demise has cast a great gloom over the whole of this State.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. S. DONOHUE, Mayor.

BOROUGH OF EAST MAITLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

12th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey sympathy of this borough to people New Zealand on loss they and Empire sustain death of Mr. Seddon.

WALLER, Mayor.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF KIAMA, NEW SOUTH WALES.

SIR,—

Municipal Council Chambers, Kiama, 14th June, 1906.

I am desired by this Council to ask that you will please accept, on behalf of the people of this borough, the expression of their profound sympathy with the people of New Zealand in their irreparable loss by the death of their great statesman and noble citizen, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, also with Mrs Seddon and the bereaved family.

We have, &c.,

R. O. KENDALL, Mayor.

JOHN HOLBROOK, Council Clerk.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF LEICHHARDT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Sydney, 12th June, 1906.

LEICHHARDT Borough Council, New South Wales, conveys deepest sympathy with New Zealand in her bereavement by death of her greatest chieftain. Alas for Maoriland! Home they brought the warrior dead.

NEAL, Mayor.

COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS OF NORTH BOTANY, NEW SOUTH WALES.

SIR,—

June, 1906.

I am directed by my Council to ask you to be good enough to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the respectful sympathy of the Municipal Council and residents of this district.

Apart from the peculiarly sad circumstances attending the death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, his great services to New Zealand and to Australia as a whole are recognised by all, and we desire to add our deep sense of their value and of the loss sustained by the Empire in losing one of its most distinguished sons.

On behalf of the residents of North Botany,
The Acting-Premier of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED JAMES KING, Mayor.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF RANDWICK, NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Sydney, 14th June, 1906.

RANDWICK Borough Council deeply sympathizes with New Zealand in loss of her beloved Premier.

CAMPBELL McDougall, Mayor.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. PETER'S, NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEAR SIR,—

St. Peter's, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the above Corporation, on the 15th instant, a resolution was carried expressing the deep sympathy of the Council with the people of New Zealand in the great loss sustained by the death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, New Zealand.

S. REEVES, Town Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF TEMORA, NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Temora, 12th June, 1906.

PUBLIC meeting carried vote sympathy New Zealand's great loss.

A. D. NESS, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF WILCANNIA.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

11th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to New Zealand our profound grief at the death of Richard Seddon, such a pillar of the British Empire.

CHAS. CURTIS, Mayor.

MAYOR AND RESIDENTS OF WAGGA WAGGA, NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

11th June, 1906.

THE people of Wagga unite in asking you to convey to our New Zealand kinsmen an expression of deepest sympathy in the loss they and the Empire have sustained by the lamentable death of that great statesman the Hon. Richard Seddon.

JOSEPH HAYES, Mayor.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND RESIDENTS OF YASS, NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Telegram.)

Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Yass, 11th June, 1906.

KINDLY accept from Council and residents of Yass deep sympathy with New Zealand and your late Premier's family.

LYNCH, Mayor.

LORD MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF MELBOURNE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

CITIZENS of Melbourne deeply mourn the death of Mr. Seddon, and express sincerest sympathy with people of New Zealand in their great loss.

HENRY WEEDON, Lord Mayor.

MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND RESIDENTS OF ALEXANDRIA, VICTORIA.

DEAR SIR,—

14th June, 1906.

May I ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the sincerest condolence of His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of this borough, likewise the residents, in the irreparable loss sustained by them through the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. Seddon, whose personality was the admiration not alone of New-Zealanders but of the whole British people, and whose loss the British Empire mourns.

Permit me also to tender, through you, to the New Zealand Government the profound sorrow we feel at their loss, which may be truly said to be a loss to humanity.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

JAMES L. SUTTON, Council Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF BALLARAT, VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ballarat, 11th June, 1906.

CITY of Ballarat tenders your State sympathy and condolences terrible loss you have sustained death Right Hon. Richard Seddon.

JOHN WHYKES, Mayor.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF BALLARAT EAST, VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ballarat, 12th June, 1906.

MAYOR and Councillors Town of Ballarat East deeply regret death of Mr. Seddon, and desire to express heartfelt sympathy.

JOHN RITCHIE, Mayor.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF BENDIGO, VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Bendigo, 11th June, 1906.

BENDIGO citizens condole with New Zealand in irreparable loss sustained by the death of its statesman Premier.

LUKE MURPHY, Mayor.

FITZROY CITY COUNCIL, VICTORIA.

SIR,—

Fitzroy, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to say that at the last meeting of the City Council a resolution was unanimously carried deploring the death of the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, P.C., Premier of New Zealand, and placing on record its high estimation of his sterling personal qualities, and of the noble work done by him as an Empire builder.

I am also directed to convey to you and your colleagues the sincere condolences of the Mayor and Councillors with you in the loss which you and your colony have sustained by his untimely decease.

I have, &c.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier of New Zealand.

A. BATSON, Town Clerk.

CITIZENS OF FOOTSCRAY, VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Footscray, 13th June, 1906.

ACCEPT sympathy Footscray citizens in New Zealand's sad loss.

D. BARNET, Town Clerk.

NEWMARKET BOROUGH COUNCIL, VICTORIA.

SIR,—

19th June, 1906.

I have been directed by the Newmarket Borough Council to forward you the following copy of a resolution which was passed at a special meeting of the Council on the 18th day of June, 1906: "That

this Council deeply deplore the great loss the colony has sustained by the sudden and untimely death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and desire to express their deepest sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,
WM. HOGG, Town Clerk.

MAYOR OF ADELAIDE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Adelaide, 11th June, 1906.

ALLOW me to express my deepest sympathy to New Zealand in the loss you have sustained by the sudden death of Mr. Seddon. All who met him here admired him, and those who knew him intimately loved him.

THEODORE BRUCE, Mayor.

CORPORATION AND CITIZENS OF ADELAIDE.

DEAR SIR,—

13th June, 1906.

Allow me, on behalf of the Corporation and citizens of Adelaide, to express my sincere sympathy with you and the people of New Zealand in the national loss which your colony has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

It was with extreme satisfaction that we hailed his visit to Adelaide, and are pleased to believe that while here he appreciated any little attention that was shown him by our citizens. His loss will indeed be a severe blow to political life in New Zealand. His whole heart and soul seemed to be plunged in the vortex of the public life of which he was such a powerful factor, and his loss will be irreparable to the people of New Zealand.

The Council of the City of Adelaide are desirous that I should express their combined feelings of sympathy, and that you will kindly convey the same to Mrs. Seddon and family.

I am, &c.,

The Acting-Premier, Wellington, New Zealand.

THEO. BRUCE, Mayor.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF PORT ADELAIDE.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier of New Zealand, Wellington.

Port Adelaide, 11th June, 1906.

WILL you please convey to the people of New Zealand the sincere sympathy of myself and the citizens in your great bereavement in the death of the Hon. Mr. Seddon.

JOHN SWEENEY, Mayor.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF BRISBANE.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Brisbane, 12th June, 1906.

CITIZENS of Brisbane condole with people of New Zealand and mourn death of Right Hon. Mr. Seddon.

JOHN CRASE, Mayor.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF IPSWICH, QUEENSLAND.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ipswich, 13th June, 1906.

CITIZENS of Ipswich sincerely deplore loss sustained by New Zealand in the death of their Premier, Hon. R. J. Seddon. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

F. GOLEBY, Mayor.

COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF LAURA, QUEENSLAND.

SIR,—

13th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Council of the Corporation of Laura, in meeting assembled, to convey to you and the people of New Zealand their profound regret and sympathy in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. The sad news came as a great surprise and shock to all in the town; and general regret is expressed that so useful a life should have been so suddenly ended, and the influence and ability of so useful a man lost, not only to New Zealand but to the whole of the Empire of which he was so proud to belong.

Again expressing our sincere sympathy with your people and the family of the deceased Premier,

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Acting-Premier of New Zealand.

W. H. CAMPBELL, Town Clerk.

WALCHA CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, QUEENSLAND.

SIR,—

13th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of my Council, to convey to your Government and the people of New Zealand their deepest sympathy in the great loss sustained by the death of Mr. Seddon, your late Premier.

The death of such an eminent statesman is a national calamity.

My Council also respectfully request you to convey to the bereaved widow and family their expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement. I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Acting-Premier of New Zealand.

J. N. B. WATTS, Council Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF PERTH.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Perth, 11th June, 1906.

CITIZENS of Perth deeply deplore the lamented decease of Mr. Seddon, and sincerely sympathize with people of New Zealand in the incalculable loss they have sustained.

SYDNEY STUBBS, Mayor.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND CITIZENS OF BOULDER, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Boulder, 11th June, 1906.

COUNCIL and citizens of Boulder express their deep sorrow at loss sustained by New Zealand and the whole world through the death of the great statesman, Mr. Seddon.

J. L. JOHNSTON, Mayor.

MUNICIPALITY OF COOLGARDIE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

SIR,—

20th June, 1906.

At the regular meeting of this Council, held on the 14th instant, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this Council place on record their warmest sympathy with the family, and citizens of New Zealand in the lamentable death of your late Premier, Mr. Seddon."

I have, &c.,

The Acting-Premier of New Zealand.

J. A. STEWART, Town Clerk and Treasurer.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CANTERBURY, NEW SOUTH WALES.

SIR,—

Town Hall, 16th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of my Council, to convey to you the following resolution unanimously passed at their meeting on the 11th day of June, 1906.

May I ask you to kindly transmit the same, agreeable to their wish.

I have, &c.,

FRED DAVIES, Council Clerk.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier of New Zealand.

(Resolution.)

"That we deeply sympathize with Mrs. Seddon and family, also with the people of New Zealand, in the great loss sustained by the death of their respected Premier, the Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon."

JEFFRY DENNIS, Mayor.

FRED DAVIS, Council Clerk.

MAYOR AND CITIZENS OF HOBART, TASMANIA.

SIR,—

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of His Worship the Mayor, to forward you a copy of a telegram which he has received from the Mayor of Hobart, as follows: "Behalf citizens, Hobart, desire express heartfelt sympathy with New Zealand in loss sustained by death of Mr. Seddon."

I have to ask that you will be good enough to convey same to the Government.

I have, &c.,

JNO. R. PALMER, Town Clerk.

Under-Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington.

MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF PETERSHAM, NEW SOUTH WALES.

SIR,—

Town Hall, Petersham, Sydney, 13th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the Council of this borough, held last evening, it was unanimously resolved that a letter be sent you conveying the sincere sympathy of the Mayor, Aldermen, and residents of this large borough with Mrs. Seddon and family, and with your colonists, in the great loss occasioned them by the death of the late Right Hon. Richard Seddon, P.C., and their regret that by this sad event Australasia and the Empire generally have lost the services of one of its most gifted and eminent statesmen.

Although the late honourable gentleman's career was specially confined to New Zealand, we in Australia always felt that through the close ties between the States he was one of us, and his end will be as deeply regretted, although perhaps not so keenly felt, here as in his own colony; and it is conceded that the vacancy caused through his departure will be an exceedingly difficult one to fill.

The Secretary to the Prime Minister, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

C. CLIFFORD, Council Clerk.

AUSTRALIAN MISCELLANEOUS.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

NEW-ZEALANDERS IN SYDNEY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Sydney, 14th June, 1906.

NEW-ZEALANDERS in Sydney desire to express to you and the members of your family their heartfelt sorrow for the loss of your beloved husband, and their deepest sympathy with you in all your affliction.

F. W. JACKSON, Chairman of meeting.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE (BATHURST BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

New South Wales, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of our league, I wish to extend to you our heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

A. C. PARKER, Hon. Secretary.

TAREE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION, NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEAR MADAM,—

Manning River, 18th June, 1906.

At a meeting of this association, held on the 14th instant, I was requested to convey the following resolution to you, viz.: "That this association, having learnt of the tragically sudden death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and lately on a visit to this State, desires to place on record the deep sense of loss sustained by the entire community in the death of so chivalrous and illustrious a statesman, and, further, respectfully desires to convey its profound sorrow to Mrs. Seddon and family in their hour of affliction."

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

A. J. WHITFORD, Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION, NEW SOUTH WALES (BROKEN HILL BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Broken Hill, 20th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the above branch of the A.N.A., I have to convey to you and yours their heartfelt sympathy with you in your late sad bereavement.

We, of Central Australia, recognising the noble work accomplished by your late husband in the interests of democracy, fully appreciate the sad loss to you, your State, and to Australasia sustained by his untimely death.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

A. G. EVANS.

MASTERS AND ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEAR MADAM,—

St. Phillip's School Building, York Street, Sydney, 23rd June, 1906.

Members of the above association, in meeting assembled, carried a resolution and placed on record its deep sense of your sorrow, with an expression of the deep sympathy of the association with you in the bereavement you have sustained.

Those Australians who had the honour and privilege of knowing your husband, his unwearied courtesy, his loving, gentle, and kindly disposition found him to be a gentleman, and the members of this association respected him as such. With those who mourn his loss at home, this resolution will let them know that the members of the Masters and Engineers' Association of New South Wales felt with them in their sad bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

JOHN BENNETT, Secretary.

CHINESE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

MADAM,—

158 George Street North, Sydney, 23rd June, 1906.

I have been requested by the executive of the Chinese Merchants' Association of New South Wales to convey to you our deepest sympathy with you and your family in their recent sad bereavement.

The Chinese of the Commonwealth and New Zealand, and, in fact, in China, will always have a grateful remembrance of your late brilliant husband for the part he took in passing into law the first Act to prohibit the importation of that vile drug opium; and if he did nothing else in his lifetime, this one deed will go down for generations to come as one of the most glorious achievements of a public man within the British Empire.

We feel sure that New Zealand will long mourn their irreparable loss, and we can only join them in their sorrow.

Trusting you will accept this our humble tribute to the memory of your late illustrious husband.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

Yours, &c.,

YEE HING, President.

UNITED OPERATIVE BRICKLAYERS' SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEAR MADAM,—

Trades Hall, Goulburn Street, Sydney, 23rd June, 1906.

On behalf of the United Operative Bricklayers' Trade Society of New South Wales, I desire to convey to you and your family our heartfelt sympathy in the sad bereavement that has befallen you. Our union deeply lament the death of Mr. Seddon, who, by his great works and benevolent deeds, has made himself known and endeared throughout the whole Empire.

The sympathy of all our members is with you in your great affliction, and we hope the widespread tributes of the high esteem in which he was held will enable you to sustain your great grief.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

Yours, &c.,

W. IRONS, Secretary.

SCHOOL OF ARTS LITERARY AND PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING SOCIETY, NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEAR MADAM,—

Parramatta, 18th June, 1906.

I am desired by the members of the above society, in meeting assembled, to convey their sincerest sympathy with yourself and family in the loss you have sustained by the death of your dear husband. Your loss is the nation's also.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

I am, &c.,

P. A. DREWERR, Clerk of the House.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL LEAGUE, ALBURY, NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Albury, 11th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy from Women's Political League.

C. TRUE, President.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF OF BANK OF NEW ZEALAND IN SYDNEY.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Bank of New Zealand, Sydney, 11th June, 1906.

On behalf of ourselves and the staff of the Bank of New Zealand at Sydney will you please, in the depth of your sorrow, accept our heartfelt sympathy with you and your family in the irreparable loss you have sustained by the appallingly sudden and unexpected death of your husband.

Yours truly,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, "Oswestry Grange," Sydney.

W. MICHIE, Director, New Zealand.

C. B. PIKE, Manager, Sydney.

RICHMOND RIVER TIMBER COMPANY (LIMITED).

DEAR MADAM,—

South Lismore, 14th June, 1906.

We, the employees of the Richmond River Timber Company (Limited), wish to offer our humble and sincere sympathy and condolence in your sad bereavement; and we hope and trust that you will be comforted in the knowledge that your late illustrious and noble partner has left a name behind which we workers of Australia will always honour and revere.

Believe us, &c.,

M. MULROY,

G. W. MONTGOMERY,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

On behalf of the Employees.

DIRECTORS OF MESSRS. HUDDART, PARKER, AND CO., SYDNEY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Sydney, 11th June, 1906.

In the hour of your grief and affliction, both personally and on behalf of the directors of Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co., I beg to convey to you our sincere sympathy and condolence in your sad bereavement, and in the irreparable loss both to yourself and to the whole of New Zealand.

May He who in His wisdom closed your dear husband's career in the midst of his triumphs, and before the good work which he was doing was completed, enable you to seek consolation in the memories of the good he has done, not only for New Zealand in particular but in the general interests of humanity.

Those who had the honour and pleasure of knowing him can well and truly say, "Mark the perfect, behold the upright man; for the end of such a man is peace."

Once more, on behalf of Huddart, Parker, and Co., I beg to express my deep and sincere sympathy to you and your family.

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Yours, &c.,

F. LANGLEY WEBB, Director.

DIRECTORS OF THE UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Sydney, 11th June, 1906.

I have been requested by cable from my directors to convey their sympathy to yourself and family in your bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Yours, &c.,
F. W. JACKSON, Manager.

MESSRS. HOULDER BROTHERS AND Co. (LIMITED), SYDNEY.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

63 Pitt Street, Sydney, 11th June, 1906.

It is with infinite regret I desire to express, on behalf of my principals and for myself, our great sorrow for your loss, and to assure you and your family of our fullest sympathy in your deep trouble.

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Yours, &c.,
EDWARD LAMB.

GULGONG POLITICAL LABOUR LEAGUE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Gulgong, 21st June, 1906.

Our league met in White's Chambers on the 16th instant, and our members did with one accord wish me to convey to you our heartfelt sympathy in your dire distress at the loss of your great and noble-minded loving husband, who has been cut off and taken from us and you just at a time when his worth was becoming known almost throughout the whole of Christ's kingdom on this earth. May God, his Father, bless him; and when that great day comes may he hear those glorious words, "Come ye blessed of my Father, enter the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world." And may peace and happiness be your lot while you sojourn here, and when your time comes to join your dear and beloved husband once more may you hear the same glorious sound, "Come." This is our earnest prayer.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, New Zealand.

Yours, &c.,
J. M. APPEYARD, Secretary.

THE TROLLEY, DRAYMEN, AND CARTERS' UNION OF SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.

DEAR MADAM,—

13th June, 1906.

By resolution of the above union, I have been directed to convey to you the sincere sympathy of members in your sad bereavement, and their hopes that time will soften the blow you have suffered.

My members recognise that whilst only those who have suffered the loss of a husband can truly estimate your suffering, still, they with other workers realise that they have lost a friend and one whose place in their hearts it will be most difficult to fill.

Mrs. R. Seddon.

Believe me, &c.,
M. CONNINGTON, Secretary.

FEDERATED SEAMEN'S UNION OF AUSTRALASIA INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION OF EMPLOYEES.

DEAR MADAM,—

Maritime Hall, 29 Erskine Street, Sydney, 13th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the Federated Seamen's Union of Australasia, we beg to tender you our sincere sympathy in your recent sad bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,
ARTHUR COOPER, General Secretary.

SYDNEY COAL LUMPERS' UNION.

MADAM,—

Mechanics' Institute, Argyle Street, Miller's Point, Sydney, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of my union, to inform you that at its last meeting it was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to you and your family, sympathizing with you for the great loss sustained by the death of your husband, the Hon. Richard Seddon, whose many excellent qualities, both as a husband and statesman, are so widely known.

Mrs. R. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
JOHN SMYTH, Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF FREEMASONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Sydney, 14th June, 1906.

MOTION of deepest sympathy with you and your family was carried unanimously last evening in Grand Lodge of New South Wales Freemasons.

RAWSON, Grand Master.

MANCHESTER UNITY OF ODD FELLOWS, SYDNEY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Sydney, 15th June, 1906.

MANCHESTER Unity Odd Fellows mourn death of your dear husband, and our brother.

KEMP, Grand Secretary.

HOPE OF PETERSHAM DIVISION, SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF TEMPERANCE.

DEAR AND HONOURED MADAM,—

Ashfield, 24th June, 1906.

The members of Hope of Petersham Division, No. 87, Sons and Daughters of Temperance, have requested me to convey to you their deepest sympathy for you and your family in the extremely sad loss you have sustained in the death of your late husband, the Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand.

Trusting that this humble expression of sorrowful sympathy for you in your great sorrow will afford you some small gratification.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I remain, &c.,

W. WITNEY, Secretary.

MARINE LODGES (R.A.O.B.), INDEPENDENT BANNER.

DEAR MADAM,—

80 Cowper Street, Glebe, Sydney, 14th June, 1906.

The members of the grand council, and brothers of the Marine Lodges (R.A.O.B.), Independent Banner, wish to convey to you and your family their deepest sympathy in the irreparable loss sustained by the death of Mr. Seddon.

Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

C. JENKIN, Grand Secretary.

SIR JOHN SEE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Sydney, 12th June, 1906.

SIR JOHN SEE and family tender deepest sympathy in your great bereavement.

LADY TALBOT.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

You have our deepest sympathy in your grief. We feel that we have lost a friend, and are distressed at the terrible news.

LADY TALBOT.

JUSTICES OF AUSTRALIAN HIGH COURT.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

JUSTICES of High Court deeply sympathize with you and New Zealand in the deplored loss of your distinguished husband.

GRIFFITH, Chief Justice.

RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN FORREST, M.P.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

MY earnest sympathy with you and the members of your family in your awful bereavement.

JOHN FORREST.

RIGHT HON. C. C. KINGSTON, M.P., AND MRS. KINGSTON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Melbourne, 15th June, 1906.

MOURN good friend. Deeply sympathize with you in your grief.

CHARLES AND LUCY KINGSTON.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MELBOURNE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

PERMIT me to convey, on behalf of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, our deepest sympathy in the affliction that has overtaken you.

WILLIAM KNOX, President.

VICTORIAN CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

272 Flinders Street, Melbourne, 13th June, 1906.

At the last monthly meeting of the members of the Victorian Chamber of Manufacturers, held last evening, reference was made to the death of your late husband; and the Chamber places on record its profound regret in connection with your sad bereavement.

I was directed to convey to you and your family the heartfelt sympathy of the members; and need hardly say that all the members were deeply grieved at the irreparable loss which has fallen not only upon yourself and your family, but also upon the Colony of New Zealand in general, by the sudden termination of a truly glorious life.

Words fail to do justice to our feelings and the high esteem in which we held your late husband. Great as his life has been, so great will the memory of it ever remain in the minds of all British subjects; and we earnestly hope that the story of his life will ever be taught to the children of Australasia.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

Yours, &c.,

J. M. JOSHUA, President.

MARYBOROUGH WATERWORKS TRUST, VICTORIA.

MADAM,—

Maryborough, 20th June, 1906.

At the last meeting of the above Trust, a resolution expressing deep regret at the great loss we have all sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon was carried unanimsously, and I was directed to inform you accordingly.

This Trust, in common with all similar bodies, sympathizes with you in your great trouble.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

H. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

MELBOURNE HOSPITAL.

DEAR MADAM,—

16th June, 1906.

The committee of management of the Melbourne Hospital have heard with the greatest regret of the death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, and they have instructed me to convey to you the expressions of their deepest sympathy with you in your sad bereavement.

The committee recognise the invaluable services the late Mr. Seddon rendered not only to New Zealand but to the Empire in general, and they regret that so distinguished and honourable a career has been terminated in death.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

T. R. ANDREWS, Secretary.

MELBOURNE STOCK EXCHANGE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

MEMBERS of the Stock Exchange of Melbourne desire to express their heartfelt sympathy.

CHAIRMAN.

STOCK EXCHANGE, BALLARAT, VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Richard Seddon, Sydney.

Ballarat, 12th June, 1906.

THE members of the Ballarat Stock Exchange beg to tender you their sincere sympathy in your sad bereavement.

J. D. WOOLCOTT, President.

SALVATION ARMY IN AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept assurance of profoundest sympathy personally and on behalf of the Salvation Army throughout Australasia. Lament your deplorably sudden bereavement and our loss of such a long-tried and sympathetic friend towards efforts for uplifting poor and outcast. We earnestly and unitedly pray that yourself and family may be Divinely sustained in this hour of your deepest grief and sorrow.

COMMISSIONER MCKIE, Salvation Army.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

Presbytery of Ballarat, 14th June, 1906.

I hereby beg to convey to you and the members of your family the following, moved by the Right Rev. T. R. Cairns, D.D., and passed by the Presbytery of Ballarat: "The Presbytery of Ballarat, having had its attention called to the sad and sudden death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, desires to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their very great bereavement. It also commends them to God and the word of His grace, which is able to build them up and give them an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

CHARLES CAMERON, Clerk of Presbytery.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE (BALLARAT BRANCH).

MADAM,—

3 Nightingale Street, June, 1906.

The executive council and 180 members of the Royal Society of St. George (Ballarat Branch) desire me to convey to you and your family their deepest sympathy with you in your recent sudden bereavement.

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

CLINTON WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

PRAHRAN TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY, VICTORIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

109 Henry Street, Windsor, 23rd June, 1906.

At a general meeting of the above society a resolution was passed while the members remained standing, as follows: "That the members of this society deeply sympathize with you and yours in your very sad bereavement, and the great loss the nation at large has sustained in the demise of so great a statesman as your late husband."

We pray that the Giver of all good will sustain you in your terrible visitation, and comfort you in your declining years; and we also trust that you will find some solace in the fact that the late Hon. Richard Seddon has left "footprints on the sands of time" that will never be obliterated—only in a higher and nobler sphere.

Mrs. R. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

J. J. BARLOW, Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE.

National Club, Mercantile Chambers, 349 Collins Street,
Melbourne, 25th June, 1906.

DEAR MADAM,—

I beg to inform you that the following resolution was carried at the last meeting of the executive committee: "That this committee places on record its regret at the death of Mr. R. J. Seddon, and offers its deep sympathy to his family in their sudden bereavement."

This league has a membership of eleven thousand women, and every individual member heard with regret of the loss the Empire sustained in the death of Mr. Seddon.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

Yours, &c.,

L. M. STRAUGHTON.

VICTORIAN NAVAL AND MILITARY LODGE OF FREEMASONS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Freemason's Hall, Melbourne, 16th June, 1906.

I am deputed, by special resolution, to convey to you the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the members for you in the sad loss you and your sorrowing family have sustained in the calamitous death of your beloved husband and our well-beloved brother.

In offering you our condolence, we earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will pour upon your household that comfort and consolation which He, and He alone, can give in such great tribulation.

With the profoundest grief and warmest attachment, believe me,

Yours, &c.,

C. STEPHEN MASON, P.J.G.W., Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

COMBERMERE LODGE OF FREEMASONS, VICTORIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

London Bank, Bourke Street, Melbourne, 28th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the Worshipful Master and brethren of Combermere Lodge of Freemasons, No. 752, E.C., of this city, to convey to you and the members of your family their sincere and deep sympathy with you in your recent sad bereavement; and beg to inform you that very feeling reference was made in our lodge to the death of your illustrious husband and the great loss you and your family, the people of New Zealand, and the craft in Australia, generally, would sustain by his untimely decease.

Trusting that the heartfelt sympathy of the people of the Empire may in some degree ameliorate the severity of the blow,

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. R. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

J. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION (MALDON BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Maldon, Victoria, 12th June, 1906.

MALDON Branch Australian Natives' Association deeply sympathize great trouble.

FRANK HODGE, Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION (WILLIAMSTOWN BRANCH).

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Williamstown, 12th June, 1906.

THE Williamstown Branch, Australian Natives' Association, deeply deplores loss to humanity by death of Mr. Seddon, and tenders to yourself and family sincere and profound sympathy.

F. WOOMS, Secretary.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept our deepest sympathy.

JOHN CORNISH, President.

UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.
PLEASE accept our deepest sympathy.

Melbourne, 12th June, 1906.

W. P. HOGARTH, President.

VICTORIAN LICENSED VICTUALLERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,— Central Chambers, 77 Swanston Street, Melbourne, 12th June, 1906.
We are directed to convey to you the heartfelt sympathy of every member of our council with you in your sad and sudden bereavement.
We feel that the death of the right honourable gentleman is a loss to every admirer of stalwart manliness and high and lofty statesmanship.

Yours, &c.,

CHAS. A. CHAMPION, President.
A. FRANK BUCKLEY, Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

POLITICAL LABOUR COUNCIL OF VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Sydney.
POLITICAL Labour Council of Victoria tenders deepest condolence. Members throughout this State join in general grief.

Melbourne, 12th June, 1906.

P. HEAGNEY, Secretary.

POLITICAL LABOUR COUNCIL, FLEMINGTON AND KENSINGTON, VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. R. J. Seddon.
MEMBERS of our branch deeply sympathize with you and family in your sudden and sad bereavement.

83 McConnell Street, Kensington, 12th June, 1906.

WM. BREAKELL, Hon. Secretary.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL, P.L.C. OF VICTORIA.

DEAR MADAM AND FRIENDS,— 18th June, 1906.
It was with feelings of deepest regret that my council requested me to convey to you the following resolution, passed at our last meeting: "That this council of representatives of workers deplore the death of Mr. R. Seddon, the late Premier of New Zealand, and that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon and family."
We must sincerely condole with you in your bereavement. But it may in some slight way assuage your grief when you know your loss is felt throughout the civilised world.
By the death of your distinguished husband and father the cause of labour has lost a valiant defender and a glorious champion.
I will not trespass further.

Yours, &c.,

J. J. LANIGAN, Secretary.

Mrs. R. Seddon and Family.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.
LADY WAY and I are filled with grief at your dear husband's death—a calamity to New Zealand and the Empire. Your family and yourself pray accept our heartfelt sympathy with you all in the death of our dear and valued friend.

Adelaide, 11th June, 1906.

S. J. WAY.

BISHOP OF ADELAIDE.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.
THE Diocese of Adelaide respectfully offer deepest sympathy.

Adelaide, 11th June, 1906.

BISHOP OF ADELAIDE.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURES.

DEAR MADAM,— Exhibition Buildings, North Terrace, Adelaide, 3rd July, 1906.
I am directed by the committee of this Chamber to convey to you the most sincere sympathy of our members with you and your family in the great loss which you have recently suffered through the death of your late deeply lamented husband.

I am, &c.,

P. H. EVANS, Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES.

DEAR MADAM,—

North Terrace, Adelaide, 11th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the council of the South Australian School of Mines, held this afternoon, I was instructed to convey to you and your family the profound sympathy of members at your husband's death, and to ask you to accept their sincere condolence. They wish me to assure you how much they deplore his untimely death, which is so great a calamity to you and to the people of New Zealand and Australasia.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

L. LAYBOURNE SMITH, Registrar.

LOYAL MOUNT GAMBIER LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS, M.U.I.O.O.F., MOUNT GAMBIER, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

15th June, 1906.

In accordance with a resolution carried by the above lodge last lodge-night, 11th June, I am instructed to convey to you and your family the sympathy of the officers and brothers with you in the loss of your late husband, who always took a great interest in the welfare of friendly societies; and his loss as a public man will be very hard to replace.

Mrs. Seddon, New Zealand.

I remain, &c.,

THOMAS JAS. DODD, Hon. Secretary.

UNITED TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Trades Council Office, Trades Hall, Crote Street,
Adelaide, 21st June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at the last meeting of my council reference was made to the sad event which has plunged New Zealand in mourning, and moved with sympathy for yourself and your family the English-speaking section of the British Empire; and I was directed to forward you a copy of the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That this council deplores the lamented death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and places on record its appreciation of his splendid services to the cause of industrial peace. It extends to Mrs. Seddon and family, and to the people of New Zealand, its deepest sympathy in the great loss they have sustained."

I remain, &c.,

F. S. WALLIS, Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Adelaide, 14th June, 1906.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SENDS DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

JANE ENNIS, Hon. Secretary.

BRISBANE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY AND BURNS LIBRARY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Colonial Mutual Chambers, Queen Street, Brisbane, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by the unanimous desire of my committee, to convey to you and the members of your family our heartfelt sorrow and deep regret with you at the sudden loss of your dear husband, and the severe blow not only to New Zealand but to the whole of the Australian Colonies. Hoping you will accept this token of genuine regret from the Scotsmen of Brisbane, I may state that we have ever admired the benefits and advantages our fellow-Scots have reaped through the broad-minded Liberal policy and able leadership of the late Premier in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Richard Seddon.

ROBERT C. C. CHALMERS, Secretary.

QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S ELECTORAL LEAGUE.

DEAR MADAM,—

No. 11 The Arcade, Edward Street, Brisbane, 22nd June, 1906.

On behalf of the Queensland Women's Electoral League, we respectfully beg to offer you our heartfelt sympathy in the great loss which you, your family, and New Zealand have sustained by the death of your husband, the Hon. Richard Seddon.

While we are aware that such a loss is irreparable in one sense, we believe you will find much comfort in the memory that your husband's life was nobly spent in the service of his adopted country, and his exceptional gifts generously used for the uplifting and betterment of his fellow-men.

We do not forget—being women—that it was owing to Mr. Seddon's broad outlook and even sense of justice that the New Zealand women were the first to enjoy equal political rights with men.

He lived to make his merit known,
To mould a mighty State's decrees.

Our excuse for intruding on your grief is that, knowing the widespread feeling of sympathy among the members of our league, we felt we could not allow this melancholy occasion to pass without expressing, however inadequately, that sympathy in writing.

We are, &c.,

CHRISTINA CORRIE, President.

FANNIE M. C. MACKIE, Vice-President.

MARGARET A. OGG, Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. Richard Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

ASSOCIATED WORKERS' UNION, QUEENSLAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Charters Towers, 18th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the members of the above union to extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends of the deceased Hon. Richard Seddon, P.C., hoping that even in the sadness of their affliction they may yet find some consolation in knowing that the work of his public and private qualities are properly appreciated. That, in token of our sorrow at the death of our friend, the members of the above deeply deplore the loss occasioned to New Zealand.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

W. J. WELLINGTON, Secretary.

LONGREACH BRANCH OF AMALGAMATED WORKERS' UNION, QUEENSLAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

22nd June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the annual meeting of the Australian Workers' Union, sitting at Longreach, to express to you our ardent sympathy with you in the sad affliction that has befallen you and New Zealand.

The great services which your distinguished husband rendered, not only to his own State but to the cause of democracy itself, and the progressive measures introduced by him and carried to a successful issue, have been like beacon lights to reformers the world over, encouraging them and spurring them on to renewed efforts. For that reason we feel his loss as a personal one, and we beg to tender you our sincerest condolences, and join in the universal chorus of regret with which the news of his demise has been received in every land.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

W. KEULEY, Secretary.

TOOWONG PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Toowong, Queensland, 25th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the above society, we, the undersigned, beg to extend to you and your family our most sincere sympathy in your recent sad bereavement.

Australasia, and, indeed, the British nation as a whole, deeply mourns the loss of one who has done so much for the betterment of conditions for his fellow-men.

On behalf of the above we subscribe our names—

J. URE McNAUGHT, Speaker.

A. MACKENZIE, Premier.

R. J. COTTELL, Jun., Leader of Opposition.

J. M. COLLEDGE, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

TOOWOOMBA BAPTIST LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Sir Street, Toowoomba, Queensland, 19th June, 1906.

The members of the above-mentioned society desire to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincere regret and condolence in the passing away of their illustrious husband and father, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C. They feel that the noble life now so suddenly closed will ever prove an inspiration to young men in the rising Commonwealth of Australia.

They trust that the bereaved widow and family will be graciously sustained in this great personal and national bereavement.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

WILLIAM G. NEIL, Hon. Secretary.

NORTH QUEENSLAND DISTRICT ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 2nd July, 1906.

I have been desired by the North Queensland District Ancient Order of Foresters to convey to you and your family their sincere condolence and sympathy in the sad bereavement sustained through the death of your beloved husband.

They also feel that his death is a severe loss, not only to friendly societies but to the whole of the British Empire, as his sympathies were ever in accord with our desire to assist those least able to help themselves.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

A. WITHEFORD, D.S.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE (MOUNT MORGAN BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Mount Morgan, 20th June, 1906.

The Mount Morgan Branch of the Royal Society of St. George desire to convey to you the deep regret and sorrow they felt on hearing of the sudden death of your esteemed and honoured husband, Mr. R. J. Seddon, also to express their sympathy to you in the loss sustained. As individuals and members they realise that not only has New Zealand lost an able and ideal leader and a great man, but so has the Australian Commonwealth and the whole of the British Empire. His memory will be hallowed by posterity; and while praying for the Divine hand to comfort and sustain you—and we join with you and your family in the hour of mourning—there is the consolation that your husband ably and honourably proved himself to be—that man was the noblest creation of God.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

N.N.M., Secretary.

NEW-ZEALANDERS IN KALGOORLIE, WEST AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Kalgoorlie, 15th June, 1906.

LARGE meeting of New-Zealanders resolved express heartfelt sympathy loss most affectionate husband and father. We all share your grief.

P. BRENNAN, Chairman.

WEST AUSTRALIAN LANCASTRIAN ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Fremantle, 12th June, 1906.

LANCASTRIAN Association, West Australia, sends heartfelt sympathy in your severe tribulation.

DR. HORROCKS, Chairman.

F. J. WAYMAN, Hon. Secretary.

WEST AUSTRALIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Perth, 12th June, 1906.

WESTERN Australian Rugby Football Union tender to you and your family their deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

C. E. THORNTON, Hon. Secretary

WEST AUSTRALIAN GOLDFIELDS' FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Kalgoorlie, 15th June, 1906.

By direction and on behalf of the above association, I beg to extend to you and your family our sincerest sympathy in your recent sudden and sad bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, New Zealand.

THOS. J. BRETT, Hon. Secretary.

COASTAL TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL OF WEST AUSTRALIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

Perth, 11th July, 1906.

I beg, on behalf of the above council, to convey to you our sincere sympathy in the loss you and your family have sustained by the death of your esteemed husband, Mr. Seddon.

I desire to assure you that my council mourns with you and your family in the loss of one who during his lifetime has ever championed the cause of the working-classes; the effect of which has been of material benefit to the workers of every State in the Commonwealth, and endeared his name in the hearts of those who have benefited by the advanced legislation which he initiated and which has to a very large extent been adopted in Australia.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. Seddon, Wellington.

JOHN J. CURRAN, Secretary.

SIR N. E. LEWIS.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hobart, Tasmania, 11th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy in your sad bereavement and in the serious loss sustained by the British Empire.

ELLIOTT LEWIS.

BOROUGH OF PORTLAND, TASMANIA.

DEAR MADAM,—

Portland, 12th July, 1906.

By direction of the Council, I have the honour to convey to you an expression of the regret and sympathy for you and your family, of the Council and townspeople of this the oldest settlement of this State, upon the sudden and lamentable death of your husband the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon; and to express the conviction that is universally acknowledged here—that the loss to the country he loved so well and so faithfully served is one which is well nigh irreparable.

Will you kindly accept this sentiment and convey it also to the other members of the late Premier's family.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

T. EDWARD HENRY, Town Clerk.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION (LAUNCESTON BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

25 Patterson Street, Launceston, 16th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the association, held on Thursday, I was instructed to write you and convey to you the sincere condolences of the members on your great bereavement. We were all deeply shocked when we heard the sad news of the great loss that you and New Zealand had sustained, and believe me you have our most sincere sympathy.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

PERCY C. WEETMAN, Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION (QUEENSTOWN BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Tasmania, 26th June, 1906.

At last night's meeting of the Queenstown Branch of the Australian Natives' Association, the following resolution was directed to be conveyed to you: "That the heartfelt sympathy of this branch be conveyed to the widow and family of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon in the great calamity which has overtaken them and the Empire." We cannot refrain from adding a tribute of respectful admiration of the noble qualities of courage and self-sacrifice which were so eminently characteristic of the deceased statesman, who bravely answered his last great call in the midst of that work which was so dear to him and so priceless to the country which he loved, and the fruit of which work will remain as an everlasting tribute to his memory.

We have, &c.,

G. E. BODYCOURT, President.

L. C. SERGEANT, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

HOBART WORKERS' POLITICAL LEAGUE.

DEAR FRIENDS,—

Hobart, Tasmania, 14th June, 1906.

At the meeting of the Hobart Workers' Political League last evening we passed the following resolution: "We, the members of the Workers' Political League of Hobart, desire to express our deep sorrow on the loss sustained by the people of New Zealand and humanity in general by the death of the distinguished statesman the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and wish to convey our profound sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family on their irreparable loss."

Yours, &c.,

H. H. PIMBLETT, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon and Family.

LAUNCESTON WORKERS' POLITICAL LEAGUE.

DEAR MADAM,—

25th June, 1906.

Pardon me, an ordinary workman and representing working-men, in thus addressing you.

At a meeting of the above league, the following motion was unanimously carried, the members present passing the resolution standing, viz: "That this league deplores the loss to the Colony of New Zealand, the Empire, and humanity have suffered through the death of the great and noble humanist, the late Mr. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the bereaved widow."

In thus carrying out my duty, allow me to express our deep and sincere sympathy with the people of New Zealand, and particularly with yourself and family, in this your time of sorrow; and our prayer is that God will sustain and comfort you in your sore affliction.

The memory of him who has done so much for suffering humanity will remain ever green in the minds and hearts of his loving admirers in Tasmania.

I am, &c.,

JAMES GUY, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

TASMANIAN TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

MADAM,—

Hobart, 13th June, 1906.

At last general committee meeting of this association, I was instructed to convey to you expression of heartfelt sympathy at the irreparable loss you have sustained by the demise of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Among the very great works your late husband carried out, that of the tourist movement came particularly under the notice of my committee, and commanded unbounded admiration.

I have, &c.,

A. WERTHEEMER, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, New Zealand.

AUSTRALIANS ON H.M.S. "PIONEER."

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

THE Australians of the ship's company of H.M.S. "Pioneer" desire to express their sincere sympathy.

BOARD FOR PROTECTION OF THE ABORIGINES.

DEAR MRS. BON,—

City Bank Chambers, Melbourne, 15th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Board for Protection of Aborigines of Victoria, held on the 14th June instant, the following resolution in reference to the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon was unanimously agreed to, and the Board desire you to forward the resolution to Mrs. Seddon and family. They wish to show their admiration of the great work Mr. Seddon carried out in New Zealand for the protection and just treatment of the aboriginal people of that colony: "That the Board for Protection of the Aborigines express to Mrs. Seddon and family their profound sympathy and regret at the loss they have sustained by the sudden and sad death of the distinguished colonial and Empire statesman and humane friend of the Native race of New Zealand."

Yours, &c.,

H. P. KEOGH, Vice-Chairman.

Mrs. Anne F. Bon, The Grand Hotel, Melbourne.

AUSTRALIAN MISCELLANEOUS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

NEW-ZEALANDERS IN SYDNEY.

SIR,— New Zealand Chambers, 259 George Street, Sydney, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that a meeting of New-Zealanders was held in the offices of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited), in this city, on the 13th instant, for the purpose of expressing condolence with the widow and family of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and sympathy with the Government and people of New Zealand in the great sorrow that has befallen them; and I now beg to forward herewith minutes of the proceedings:—

Proposed by Mr. F. W. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. W. A. Gibb, "That we, New-Zealanders in Sydney, desire to place on permanent record—(1) Our sense of deep personal loss by the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon; (2) our profound sorrow for and sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their inexpressibly sad bereavement; (3) our desire to unite with the rulers and people of New Zealand in mourning the great-hearted Premier, to whom the love of home, country, and Empire was a consuming passion; (4) our thankfulness for the opportunity so recently vouchsafed to us of affectionate intercourse with our late friend, his dear wife, and those members of his family who accompanied him on his triumphal visit to our adopted country."

Proposed by Mr. C. B. Pike, and seconded by Mr. W. Tyree, "That copies of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded by letter to Mrs. Seddon and family, and the Acting-Premier of New Zealand."

Proposed by Mr. E. D. Hoben, and seconded by Mr. J. T. Shaw, "That the following cable message be transmitted to Mrs. Seddon: 'New-Zealanders in Sydney desire to express to you and the members of your family their heartfelt sorrow for the loss of your beloved husband, and their deepest sympathy with you all in your affliction.'"

Proposed by Mr. J. C. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. Nolan, "That Mr. W. A. Kennedy, Manager of Union Steamship Company, Wellington, be asked by cable to represent New-Zealanders in Sydney at the funeral of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to purchase a wreath to be placed on the grave, the wording to be as follows: 'With loving sympathy from New-Zealanders in Sydney.'"

Proposed by Mr. W. A. Gibb, and seconded by Mr. J. C. Edwards, "That the resolutions be engrossed, and left in the office of the Union Steamship Company for signature."

In connection with the above, I desire to say that the memorial now in course of signature will be transmitted by an early opportunity. I have, &c.,

The Acting Prime Minister of New Zealand.

F. W. JACKSON, Chairman of meeting.

MOURNING IN SYDNEY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Sydney, 21st June, 1906.

VERY impressive memorial service St. Andrew's Episcopalian Cathedral noon. Interior draped with black, royal purple, and flags. Large congregation, including Governor-General Lord Northcote, Excellency Sir Harry Rawson, Lord Mayor, General Gordon and staff, military, also naval officers, representative Minister politicians, leading citizens, many New-Zealanders, large number ladies, most of whom wore mourning. Funeral bells tolled anthem, "Crossing the Bar." British, French, German mail-boats, all other shipping, and city flags half-mast.

SYDNEY CHAMBER COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

Sydney, 11th June, 1906.

SYDNEY Chamber Commerce deeply sympathize with people New Zealand on sudden decease Right Hon. Richard Seddon. MERIVALE, Acting-President.

NEWCASTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Newcastle, 11th June, 1906.

NEWCASTLE Chamber of Commerce deeply sympathize with New Zealand in its national loss by death of Premier. J. M. HYDE, President.

NEWCASTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,—

18th June, 1906.

In furtherance of my cablegram of the 11th instant, I have now the honour to inform you that at the meeting of my council on the 15th instant the following resolution was carried: "That this Chamber places on record its sense of the deep regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and begs to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family and the people of New Zealand its sincere sympathy with them in the loss of so eminent a statesman and so loyal and patriotic a son of the Empire."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

J. HYDE, President.

MAITLAND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

13th June, 1906.

MAITLAND District Chamber Commerce beg you to convey their sympathy to people New Zealand for their loss in death Mr. Seddon.

WALLER, President.

UNITED ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS, GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

SIR,—

June, 1906.

May I ask you, on behalf of the U.A.O.D. of New South Wales, to convey to the widow and family of the late Mr. Seddon our sincere and deepest sympathy. We recognise that in the lamented death of Mr. Seddon the friendly societies of Australasia have lost one of their warmest friends and well-wishers.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

WM. TURNELL, Grand President.

PRINCE EDWARD OF WALES LODGE, I.O.G.T., SYDNEY.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

Sydney, 25th June, 1906.

MAY it please your honourable House to forward to Mrs. Seddon and family,—

We, the officers and members of the Prince Edward of Wales Lodge, No. 291, Independent Order of Good Templars, respectfully tender our deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family and yourself in the loss of her late husband, Mr. Seddon, on his voyage home. We know from past experience how hard it is to part from those we love; but we have the promise of God to those who are faithful that He will give them a crown of life, and our prayer is that we all shall hear the "Well done." Then we shall be reunited around that Throne where there will be no more parting.

HUBERT WM. BALHATCHER, Lodge Deputy.

MARINE LODGES (R.A.O.B.), INDEPENDENT BANNER, NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEAR SIR,—

80 Cowper Street, Glebe, Sydney, 14th June, 1906.

The members of the grand council and brothers of the Marine Lodges (R.A.O.B.), Independent Banner, wish you to convey to New Zealand their deepest sympathy with them in the loss of their Premier.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

C. JENKIN, Grand Secretary.

SYDNEY LABOUR COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Sydney, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour to convey, through you, the sincerest sympathy of trades-unionists of New South Wales to the widow and family of the late Right Hon. Richard Seddon, and with the people of New Zealand upon their bereavement and irreparable loss.

This council has placed upon record that by the death of Richard John Seddon the world has lost a great man—one who stood in the forefront of the battle in the cause of humanity.

His wide sympathy, his undaunted spirit, his recognition of the claims of labour, and his solicitude for the welfare of those who toil cannot be forgotten. The good deeds he wrought and the splendid work he accomplished live, though he is dead.

The laws he placed upon the statute-books of New Zealand stand for all time, not alone as showing what is possible for wisely conceived legislation to achieve in the direction of advancing the true interests of the people, but as forming an imperishable monument to one of the grandest leaders democracy has ever known.

His task is finished. The shadows have fallen! "After life's fitful fever, he sleeps well."

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. P. CACHRAN, Secretary.

TRADES AND INDUSTRIAL HALL AND LITERARY INSTITUTE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—

Sydney, 14th June, 1906.

I am directed by the members of the above-named association to convey to you the following resolution, expressive of their sympathy at the untimely death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C.: "That this association places on record its deepest regret at the loss sustained by the people of New Zealand in the death of their late Premier, Mr. R. J. Seddon, and its warmest sympathy with his family in their sad bereavement."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

GEO. RUTTER, Secretary.

PAINTERS' UNION SYDNEY.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Sydney, 12th June, 1906.

MEMBERS express deepest sympathy with relatives and people New Zealand through Premier's death.

WILLIAM ROE, Secretary.

COUNCIL OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY UNION.

(Telegram.)

William Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Sydney, 12th June, 1906.

COUNCIL of New South Wales Rugby Union, recognising the interest taken in all sports, and especially Rugby football, by the late Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, P.C., Premier of New Zealand, desires to place on record the great loss sustained by Australasia by his sudden and untimely death; and with great respect offers its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family.

HOLDEN, Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION, SYDNEY.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Sydney, 13th June, 1906.

JOIN expressions sympathy.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION.

JOURNEYMEN FARRIERS' UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

SIR,—

Trades Hall, Goulburn Street, Sydney, 21st June, 1906.

I am instructed by the members of the above union to express, through you, their sorrow for the loss sustained by Mrs. Seddon and family by the death of the Hon. R. Seddon, who was held in great esteem by the members of the union; and also to express our sorrow for the loss New Zealand has sustained by the death of one held in such high esteem.

With every kind wish for Mrs. Seddon and family,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

I am, &c.,

JAMES DEERY, Secretary.

SYDNEY WHARF LABOURERS' UNION.

DEAR SIR,—

Erskine Street, 14th June, 1906.

At a special meeting of the above, held at Church Hill, Sydney, it was unanimously decided by the members present, standing with heads uncovered, "That a message of condolence and profound sympathy be forwarded, through you, to Mrs. R. Seddon, widow of your late Premier, at the loss of her partner in life, and also to yourself and colleagues in Parliament at the loss which has befallen New Zealand and Australasia generally."

We also realise the irreparable loss sustained by the working-classes generally, and those depending on them, throughout the Commonwealth and New Zealand; and hope that the work begun by him will fall upon the shoulders of some Minister who is worthy of the same, and whose object will be the ameliorating of the conditions of the working-classes and the classes who, through no fault of their own, are not able to work—I mean the aged poor.

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

SYDNEY HARRISON, J.P., Secretary.

HAIRDRESSERS' AND WIGMAKERS' EMPLOYEES' UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEAR SIR,—

Trades Hall, Goulburn Street, Sydney, 15th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Hairdressers' and Wigmakers' Employees' Union, I have been directed to convey to you the sympathy of the members of this organization in the loss suffered by New Zealand through the death of the late Mr. R. J. Seddon. We appreciate the good work accomplished by the late Mr. Seddon on behalf of the working-classes of New Zealand, and also in the interests of humanity generally.

We would be pleased if you would convey to the relatives of the late Premier our heartfelt sympathy and regret in their loss.

Thanking you in anticipation.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

T. W. KELSEY, Secretary.

THE MEMBERS OF ST. SILA'S Y.M. INSTITUTE.

DEAR SIR,—

Waterloo, New South Wales, 14th June, 1906.

The members of the above institute wish to convey their sincere sympathy to the wife and family of Mr. Seddon in their late sad bereavement. Also to the people of New Zealand for the irreparable loss of their great leader, statesman, and patriot.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

We are, &c.,

F. H. PICKARD, Hon. Secretary.

PROHIBITION PARTY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEAR SIR,—

Sydney, 20th June, 1906.

I have been instructed to convey, through you, to Mrs. Seddon and family the deep sympathy of the general committee of the Prohibition party of New South Wales on the great loss they have sustained by the lamentable and terribly sudden death of Mr. Seddon.

The Prohibitionists of this State warmly appreciated the services rendered to humanity by Mr. Seddon, in passing through Parliament advanced liquor-legislation, and feel deeply the great loss the world has sustained by his awfully sudden death.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

G. D. CLARK, Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES SAWMILL AND TIMBER-YARD EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION INDUSTRIAL UNION OF EMPLOYEES.

SIR,—

Trades Hall, Goulburn Street, Sydney, 15th June, 1906.

Kindly convey to Mrs. R. Seddon and family, and also the people of New Zealand, the deepest sympathy of the members of the above association in their sad bereavement through the untimely end of the late Premier, which is viewed by the members of my association as a national calamity.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

ALFRED E. JOHNS, Secretary.

LODGE SUNNY SOUTH, NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEAR SIR,—

Sydney, 12th June, 1906.

At the regular monthly meeting of Lodge Sunny South, held last evening, I was directed to request that you would be so good as to convey to the widow and relatives of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon the substance of a resolution passed by the lodge, expressing its deep sympathy and regret at his death.

Our members feel that the loss will be keenly felt, not only by those of his family left behind but by all classes in the colony which has benefited so much by his devotion to its welfare and his desire to do good to his fellow-men.

Trusting that our sympathy may be accepted in the kindly spirit in which it is given.

I am, &c.,

F. E. LOMAS, P.M., Secretary.

The Private Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, New Zealand.

VICTORIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—

Melbourne, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to convey to you the following copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Victorian board of directors of this association, held on the 13th instant: "That this association deplores the untimely death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, P.C., &c., Premier of New Zealand; and places on record its high appreciation of his statesmanlike and patriotic services to his colony and the Empire, his manly and sterling character, and his self-sacrificing devotion to national duty."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

FRED. C. WAINWRIGHT.

VICTORIAN CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURERS.

DEAR SIR,—

272 Flinders Street, Melbourne, 13th June, 1906.

By direction, I beg to convey to your Government and the people of New Zealand, through you, the heartfelt sympathy of the members of the Victorian Chamber of Manufacturers in connection with the death of your Premier, Mr. R. J. Seddon.

The sad event was brought under the notice of the meeting of the members of the Victorian Chamber of Manufacturers last evening, and each member who spoke did so with heartfelt feelings of deep regret at not only New Zealand's loss but the loss of the Empire.

Recognised as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, statesmen of Australasia, the late Mr. Seddon's life has been an object-lesson to all; and as he had been one of the greatest friends the manufacturers of New Zealand ever had, we, the manufacturers of Victoria, sincerely grieve that his life of usefulness should have thus been so suddenly ended.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

J. M. JOSHUA, President.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

SIR,—

110 Spencer Street, Melbourne, 13th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that before proceeding with the ordinary business at the meeting of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, held yesterday, 12th instant, reference was made to the lamented death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, P.C., LL.D., and the following resolution, moved by Commissioner E. A. Atkyns, seconded by Commissioner W. Strong, was unanimously adopted: "That the Commissioners of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, in their corporate capacity as representatives of the twenty-four municipalities comprised in the metropolis of Victoria, desire to place upon record their profound sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Prime Minister of New Zealand, whose career as a statesman has been signalised by an unswerving devotion to the best interests of the people amongst whom he lived and laboured, and to the general uplifting of all classes of British subjects throughout the Empire."

To more sympathetically express their feelings, the members stood while the resolution was passed.

It was also resolved that a copy of the resolution should be forwarded to the Acting Prime Minister of New Zealand.

In giving effect to the Board's resolution, I have to personally express my deep regret at the loss your colony has sustained through the death of so eminent a statesman and citizen, in the full vigour of his activities, and so full of promise for future years.

I have, &c.,

The Acting Prime Minister, New Zealand.

W. J. LANE RIDDELL, Temporary Chairman.

MELBOURNE STOCK EXCHANGE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

THE Stock Exchange of Melbourne, in meeting assembled, deplors the irreparable loss sustained by New Zealand and the Empire through the death of Mr. Seddon.

CHAIRMAN.

BALLARAT STOCK EXCHANGE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ballarat, 12th June, 1906.

MEMBERS Ballarat Stock Exchange desire convey Ministry and people sympathy in your country's great calamity.

WOOLCOTT, Chairman.

TRADES HALL COUNCIL, VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Melbourne, 13th June, 1906.

TRADES Hall Council, Victoria, desires to express its profound regret at irreparable loss sustained, not only by New Zealand but wherever progressive legislation is appreciated, in the death of Mr. Seddon.

STEPHEN BARKER, Secretary.

FLEMINGTON AND KENSINGTON POLITICAL LABOUR COUNCIL, VICTORIA.

DEAR SIR,—

83 McConnell Street, Kensington, 12th June, 1906.

Members of our branch deeply sympathize, and deeply mourn the death of Mr. Seddon. The death of such a brilliant statesman will not only be a great loss to your grand country but to the world.

Yours, &c.,

The Acting-Premier of New Zealand.

WM. BREAKELL, Hon. Secretary.

SEAMEN OF VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Dunedin, 12th June, 1906.

MR. BELFRAGE, Secretary, Victorian Branch, Seamen's Union, cables: "Seamen of Victoria express deepest sympathy for loss by death of Mr. Seddon, New Zealand's greatest statesman."

BELCHER.

GOLLIN AND Co. PROPRIETARY (LIMITED), MELBOURNE.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Melbourne 12th June, 1906.

My board of directors wish to convey their deep sympathy at the great loss sustained by New Zealand by the death of their Premier, Mr. Seddon.

GOLLIN AND Co. PROPRIETARY (LIMITED)
(L. H. Biddle, Secretary).

GORDON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, GEELONG, VICTORIA.

SIR,—

Geelong, 10th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to convey to the people of New Zealand, through you, the deep regret of my Council at the loss sustained in the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon; and, further, beg to request that you will convey to the sorrowing relatives my Council's condolences with them in their great bereavement.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

GEO. R. KING, Secretary and Director.

PROTESTANT ALLIANCE OF VICTORIA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Melbourne Sub, 13th June, 1906.

PROTESTANT Alliance friendly society of Victoria condole with New Zealand in their great sorrow. We recognise the loss friendly societies have sustained. Please convey to Mrs. Seddon.

JNO. CALAGHAN.

SALVATIONISTS OF AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Melbourne Sub., 12th June, 1906.

AUSTRALIAN Salvationists unitedly express profound sympathy and condolence Government and people of New Zealand lamentable sudden decease Prime Minister, whose constant cordial support our work ever warmly appreciated.

COMMISSIONER McKIE, Salvation Army.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DEAR SIR,—

Adelaide, 12th June, 1906.

I am directed to convey to you the heartfelt sympathy of the members of the above association in this State in the great loss sustained by the Government and people of New Zealand, as well as the people in all English-speaking lands, at the untimely death of the late Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, Prime Minister of your colony, who has done so much for country and Empire.

Will you kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family the sympathy of the members of this association in their sad bereavement.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

GEO. E. KREUSLER, Secretary.

PORT ADELAIDE DISTRICT TRADE AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

Adelaide, 23rd June, 1906.

I am instructed by the above council to convey to you and the people of your colony their deep heartfelt sympathy in the great loss you have sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

We fully recognise the great loss you and the country have sustained, not only your own country but the workers of the whole English-speaking world.

Again extending our sympathy to you.

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

J. J. KELLY, Hon. Secretary.

WORKING-MEN'S ASSOCIATION, PORT ADELAIDE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Port Adelaide, 12th June, 1906.

WORKING-MEN'S Association, Port Adelaide, tender their heartfelt sympathy to family and colony in the loss of Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

J. F. DONNELL, Secretary.

UNITED LABOUR PARTY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DEAR SIR,—

Mount Gambier, 18th June, 1906.

At a meeting held on the 13th June, I was instructed by my committee to convey to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your esteemed Premier, Mr. R. J. Seddon, and deeply regret his untimely end.

The Acting-Premier of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

J. BOEHM, Hon. Secretary.

NEW-ZEALANDERS IN QUEENSLAND.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Brisbane, 11th June, 1906.

MEETING New-Zealanders in Queensland desire express deep sympathy with Government and patriots in our irreparable loss. Please convey foregoing to Mrs. Seddon.

PHILIP FRANKEL, Chairman.

ASSOCIATED WORKERS' UNION OF CHARTERS TOWERS.

SIR,—

Charters Towers, Queensland, 18th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the members of the above union to extend our deepest sympathy to the members of the Ministry at the loss of the Hon. Richard Seddon, P.C., hoping they will yet find some consolation in knowing that the worth of his public and private qualities are properly appreciated. That in token of our sorrow at the death of our friend, the members of the above deeply deplore the loss occasioned to New Zealand.

The Home Secretary, New Zealand

Yours, &c.,

W. J. WELLINGTON, Secretary.

QUEENSLAND IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Brisbane, 20th June, 1906.

MEMBERS Queensland Irish Association sympathize with New-Zealanders loss sustained death Mr. Seddon, great liberal-minded Englishman, who merited gratitude of Irishmen. May his generous spirit spread throughout Empire.

T. J. O'SHEA, President.

NEW-ZEALANDERS OF PERTH.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Perth, W.A., 15th June, 1906.

NEW-ZEALANDERS passed following resolution, which we forward you: "This meeting of New-Zealanders desires to place upon record its admiration for the statesmanlike qualities displayed by the late Premier, its appreciation of the loss sustained by New Zealand and the Empire through his untimely death, and its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their bereavement."

J. M. SPEED, Chairman.
A. D. HALL,
CAPTAIN BALDWIN, } Committee.
A. B. PLIMMER,
L. BUCHANAN, }

NEW-ZEALANDERS OF KALGOORLIE.

(Telegram.)

W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Kalgoorlie, 15th June, 1906.

LARGE meeting New-Zealanders resolved express condolence people New Zealand loss most illustrious citizen and statesman.

P. BRENNAN, Chairman.

LANCASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

SIR,—

Fremantle, 26th June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward you the following report of a meeting of the Lancastrian Association of Western Australia, held at the Palace Hotel, Perth, on Saturday evening, 23rd June, Herbert Horrocks, Esq., M.D., in the chair.

Mr. Whittle moved, "That this association places on record its deep regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and recognises the great loss New Zealand and the whole Empire has sustained thereby."

Mr. James Walter Smith, LL.D., Commissioner of Titles, seconded. There was no doubt Mr. Seddon was a man of immense ability, an admirable administrator, a great friend of New Zealand, and an ornament to the Empire. His loss was felt by the whole Empire, and more especially by Lancashire men, of whom he was one.

Mr. L. Leather thought that, while deploring Mr. Seddon's death, it must be a source of pride to all Lancashire people that their county had reared one of the ablest statesmen who had ever been in the colonies. Lancashire folk the world over felt proud at having had such a man as he who had recently been taken from them.

The Chairman thought that Mr. Seddon was a great and strenuous man—one who would take "no denial, but carried through everything he took in hand with a determination that he was doing right. They might not have agreed in all he said or did but they all agreed that he was a great man, one of the Empire's greatest, and they rejoiced that he was a Lancashire man.

The association would be pleased if you could order copies of the foregoing to be supplied to the New Zealand newspapers.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. J. WAYMAN, Hon. Secretary.

COASTAL TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

SIR,—

Perth, 11th July, 1906.

On behalf of the above council, I beg to extend to you and the people of New Zealand our sincere sympathy in the loss you have sustained by the death of Mr. Seddon.

It is needless for me to assure you that my council mourns with the people of New Zealand in the loss of one who during the whole of his political career has championed the cause of the working-classes, the effect of which has been of material benefit to the workers of every State in the Commonwealth, and endeared the name of Seddon in the hearts of those who have benefited by the advanced legislation which he initiated, and which has to a very large extent been adopted in Australia.

I have, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington, New Zealand.

JOHN J. CURRAN, Secretary.

ROYAL ORANGE INSTITUTION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, New Zealand.

Perth, W.A., 27th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deepest sympathy in their bereavement from the Royal Orange Institution of Western Australia.

FREMANTLE TRADES HALL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Fremantle, 14th June, 1906.

FREMANTLE Trades Hall Association wish to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family sincere regret at death of Mr. Seddon. Deplorable irreparable loss to family, country, and Empire.

JAMES COEN, Secretary.

MINERS' ASSOCIATION, QUEENSTOWN, TASMANIA.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Queenstown, Tasmania, 12th June, 1906.

ACCEPT deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement and national loss.

MINERS' ASSOCIATION, QUEENSTOWN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

MAYOR OF ST. HELEN'S, LANCASHIRE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

St. Helens, 12th June, 1906.

PROFOUND sympathy from St. Helens.

MARTIN, Mayor.

MAYOR OF WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Wigan, 13th June, 1906.

MY deepest sympathy with you.

JOHN WOOD, Mayor.

GENERAL BOOTH.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

London, 12th June, 1906.

MY deepest sympathy is with you and New Zealand in this sudden and great bereavement. Mr. Seddon loved and laboured for, and now he has died in the service of, his beloved land. From the time we first met he was my unfailing friend. God be with New Zealand.

WILLIAM BOOTH.

LORD CARRINGTON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

London, 12th June, 1906.

DEEPLY regret to hear death of my very dear friend. Accept our deepest sympathy.

CARRINGTON.

RIGHT HON. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Moseley, England, 12th June, 1906.

DEEPLY regret irreparable loss to yourself and New Zealand.

CHAMBERLAIN.

WINSTON CHURCHILL, M.P.

(Telegram.)

Governor, New Zealand.

Sydney, 12th June, 1906.

FOLLOWING cablegram received :—“(Begins) Please communicate following to Mrs. Seddon : ‘ Please accept my deep sympathy with you in your great loss.’—WINSTON CHURCHILL (ends).”

GOVERNOR.

VISCOUNT KELBURN.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

London, 13th June, 1906.

DEEPLY sympathize with you, yours, and Empire's loss.

VISCOUNT KELBURN.

LORD LAMINGTON.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.
SINCERE condolences.

Ganishkind, 15th June, 1906.

LAMINGTON.

LORD MEATH.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.
DEEPEST sympathy Imperial loss.

Received his kind letter Monday.

Godalming, 13th June, 1906.

MEATH.

LADY RANFURLY.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.
MOST deeply grieved. Heartfelt sympathy.

Dungannon, Ireland, 12th June, 1906.

LADY RANFURLY.

LORD STRATHCONA AND MOUNT ROYAL.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.
LADY STRATHCONA and I deeply regret your bereavement, and you have our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow.

London, 12th June, 1906.

and the members of your family
STRATHCONA.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF ST. HELEN'S, LANCASHIRE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Town Hall, St. Helen's, 5th July, 1906.

I beg to enclose a copy of a resolution passed at the meeting of the Council of this borough, held on the 4th instant, condoling with yourself and your family on the death of your late husband.

May I take this opportunity of adding my personal sympathy with you in your sad loss.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

HENRY MARTIN, Mayor.

(Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 4th day of July, 1906.)

Resolved, "That the Council desire to record the sincere regret with which they heard of the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, a member of His Majesty's Privy Council, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and an honorary freeman of this borough, and to express their deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family."

W. H. ANDREW, Town Clerk.

NAVY LEAGUE, LONDON.

(Telegram.)
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.
NAVY League deeply sympathize.

London, 13th June, 1906.

Deplore great Imperial loss in its New Zealand President.

TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE, LIVERPOOL.

MADAM,—

Liverpool, 11th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Executive of the above league, held to-day, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That the deep and sincere sympathy of the league be conveyed to Mrs. R. J. Seddon and family in their great bereavement; and that expression be given to the sense of the great loss which the whole Empire has sustained through the death of the distinguished Premier of New Zealand."

It is felt that the loss of your husband is a sad blow to the principles of colonial preference, which he had done so much to promote, but our league trust that those principles will be carried on and brought eventually to a successful issue.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

T. H. WELSFORD, Chairman.
D. C. PUGH, Hon. Secretary.

UNITED EMPIRE TRADE LEAGUE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

London, 12th June, 1906.

Amid the innumerable tributes of sympathy in the irreparable loss to the British Empire of that illustrious statesman, the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, none can be more sincere than that of the council of the United Empire Trade League, whose Imperial aims he did so much to further.

His name will ever live in British history, and his life be an incentive to Britons through the centuries.

May you live long in the memory of the companionship of such a prince among men, and may his descendants through many generations emulate his example.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

C. HOWARD VINCENT, Hon. Secretary.

VICTORIA LEAGUE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Westminster, 22nd June, 1906.

I am desired to inform you that at a meeting of the Victoria League council, held at the Imperial Institute on the 20th June, a resolution was proposed by the Countess Jersey (President), seconded by the Countess Carrington (Vice-President), and agreed to by all present, that a vote of sincere condolence on the death of your husband, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, be sent to you; and that the members of the Victoria League would desire to express their recognition of the great services he has rendered to the Empire.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

MURIEL J. TALBOT, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL DINNER COMMITTEE, LONDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

London, 14th June, 1906.

NEW ZEALAND Annual Dinner Committee desire me express deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family. Have cancelled dinner this year.

MONTAGUE NELSON, Chairman.

INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

London, 18th June, 1906.

It was with very deep regret the unhappy news of your beloved husband's death was received here.

At our council meeting, held on Friday night, a special resolution was passed expressive of our sense of the loss sustained by the whole community in the death of Mr. Seddon; and we further seek to express our heartfelt sympathy with you and to yours in the severance of that loving bond of union between husband and wife, father and children.

The storm cloud of sorrow burst over you suddenly, but the silver lining was not absent, and we pray that your comfort may be abounding, coming from the Fountain Head of all good.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

JAS. A. DAWSON, Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRAL LADIES' CLUB, LONDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

London, 14th June, 1906.

AUSTRAL Ladies' Club send sincere sympathy.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS FARMERS' CLUB.

MADAM,—

Tunbridge Wells, 20th June, 1906.

I beg respectfully to send you herewith copy of a resolution unanimously passed at the last meeting of the above club: "That the members of the Tunbridge Wells Farmers' Club desire to record their deep regret at the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and would beg respectfully to tender their deep sympathy with the colony and with the members of Mr. Seddon's family in their irreparable loss. This club will always cherish the happiest recollections of the deceased statesman's visit to the club in 1902, and the strong Imperial speech he made on that occasion will long be remembered here."

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

A. H. TESTER, Hon. Secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE S.S. "ESSEX."

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

S.S. "Essex," Liverpool, 21st June, 1906.

The officers of the engine-room and deck department of the above steamer join with me in expressing our heartfelt sympathies for you and your esteemed family in this your time of sad bereavement.

With us who are so far away it is a mitigation of the blow to see the great and deserved honour paid to his dear memory by his Sovereign and country.

In deepest sorrow for your affliction.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

T. YOUNG.

TALLOW CHANDLERS' COMPANY, LONDON.

Clerk and Solicitor's Office, 6 and 7 Great Tower Street,

London, 27th July, 1906.

DEAR MADAM,—

I am instructed by my Court to send you the enclosed copy of resolution of condolence and sympathy passed by the Court at their first meeting after the death of your husband, the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Premier of New Zealand and an honorary member of the company.

And with the expression of my own personal sympathy and condolence,

I am, &c.,

M. F. MONIER-WILLIAMS, Clerk and Solicitor.

Mrs. Richard J. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

(Resolution.)

At a meeting of the Court of Assistants of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, held at their hall on the 5th July, 1906, being the first meeting of the Court since the death of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, honorary member of the Company, it was moved by Sir William Henry Humphrey, Baronet, K.C.B., seconded by Mr. Edwin Knight, and carried unanimously,—

“That a letter of condolence be written to his widow by the Clerk of the Company, expressing the deep sympathy felt by the Court for her and her family in the irreparable loss they have sustained. The Court feel assured that this loss is one which is shared by the whole Colony of New Zealand, which realises how much its prosperity is due to the late Premier's statesmanlike, fearless, and Imperial policy—a policy tending to bind all our colonies closer to the Mother-country, thus strengthening the British Empire of which they form part. The members of the Court of Assistants desire also to place on record that, by the death of their late illustrious honorary member, they feel that this Company has also suffered a great and irreparable loss.”

FREDERICK PATERSON, Master.
M. F. MONIER-WILLIAMS, Clerk.

EGYPT EXPLORATION FUND, LONDON, W.C.

New Zealand Office, Fletcher's Buildings, 3, Willis Street,
Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

DEAR MADAM,—

Kindly permit me, on behalf of our London Committee as well as the local Honorary Committee (of which up till his decease your late husband was one of our most esteemed members), to tender you our sincerest sympathy in your recent sad bereavement.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

GEO. LAMBERT, Hon. Secretary for New Zealand.

GREAT BRITAIN.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

LORD RANFURLY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 14th June, 1906.

My sincerest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon, family, Ministers, and people. The Empire has lost one of her strongest sons.

RANFURLY.

SIR JOSEPH WARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 13th June, 1906.

ATTENDED large meeting members Commons. Resolution condolence Zealand, family, colleagues, proposed Mr. Dilke, seconded Mr. Wason, carried unanimously. Number complimentary speeches Mr. Seddon's memory delivered. Kindly give publicity as desired House Commons.

WARD.

SIR JOSEPH WARD.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 16th June, 1906.

HAPPY tell you memorial service arranged Tuesday, Saint Paul's.

WARD.

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND (ON BEHALF OF LORD ONSLOW).

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 12th June, 1906.

AM desired by Lord Onslow convey to Mrs. Seddon his deep regret at Mr. Seddon's death.

REEVES.

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND (ON BEHALF OF RIGHT HON. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, M.P.).

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 13th June, 1906.

FOLLOWING letter received from Joseph Chamberlain: “DEAR MR. REEVES,—Have seen with deepest regret news of death of my friend, late Prime Minister of New Zealand. I have ventured to cable short message to Mrs. Seddon; but desire, through you, as the official representative of New Zealand in this country, to express my keen sense of the loss colony has sustained by the death of its able and patriotic leader. On various occasions on which I had pleasure of meeting him formed highest opinion of his ability, courage, devotion to the interests of New Zealand; while I had full opportunity for recognising his

far-seeing appreciation of the privileges, responsibilities, of the Empire, in which he so earnestly desired New Zealand should take her appropriate place." After dwelling upon Mr. Seddon's public achievements, Mr. Chamberlain thus concludes, "The Empire has lost one of its noblest citizens, and New Zealand a great administrator, while in our personal capacity Mrs. Chamberlain and I sincerely deplore death of one whom we were proud to number among our friends. Beg you accept assurances of our most heartfelt sympathy with his family and with the colony which he served so well."

W. P. REEVES.

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 16th June, 1906.

SYDNEY BURTON, Postmaster-General, wrote to me expressing very deep regret. Considers Mr. Seddon great loss to Empire as well as New Zealand. All Englishmen expressing appreciation of his sterling qualities.

REEVES.

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 15th June, 1906.

I HAVE received large number of communications strongly expressing regret sympathy with as regards late Prime Minister. I may specially mention Duke Abercorn, Lord Strathcona, Admiral Fanshawe, Sir William Preece, Richard Glyn on behalf himself colleagues Bank of New Zealand.

REEVES.

LABOUR PARTY IN BRITISH HOUSE COMMONS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 16th June, 1906.

RECEIVED following resolution for transmission to Mrs. Seddon: "That the Labour party in the British House of Commons sends its condolences to the wife and family of late Mr. Richard Seddon, Prime Minister New Zealand, expressing appreciation of great services he has rendered to labour by the social legislation passed by Cabinets over which he has presided."

REEVES.

FEDERAL-HOULDER-SHIRE LINES

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington, New Zealand.

London, 12th June, 1906.

FEDERAL-Houlder-Shire lines desire express profound condolence Zealand's loss.

CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTORS MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington, New Zealand.

Manchester, 12th June, 1906.

CHAIRMAN and directors, Manchester Ship Canal, tender sincere condolences with New Zealand people and Mr. Seddon's family in their irreparable loss.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE, LONDON.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 16th June, 1906.

FOR Mrs. Seddon. We are instructed to convey to you and your family heartfelt sympathy of British Empire League on the sudden overwhelming bereavement which you have sustained. The death of so great Imperial statesman is severe blow which will be felt throughout Empire, and his loss will be especially mourned by British Empire League to whom he was ever a staunch friend.

FREEMAN MURRAY, Secretary.

SOUTH AFRICA.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAPETOWN.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town House, Capetown, Cape of Good Hope, 15th June, 1906.

I am directed to convey to you the sincere sympathy of the Mayor and the Council, as representing the citizens of Capetown, in the sad bereavement which you have sustained in the death of your husband, the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, Premier of the Colony of New Zealand, and to assure you that the Council and citizens are deeply sensible of the irreparable loss, not only to you and yours but to the whole of the Empire.

This Council are aware that no words can assuage the severe grief in which you have been plunged, but trust that in this time of trial the necessary strength will be accorded to enable you to sustain the great affliction with which you have been visited.

I am instructed to forward you herewith a certified extract from the official minutes of proceedings of the Capetown Municipal Council, of the 14th June, 1906, being the first meeting held after the receipt of the news of Mr. Seddon's death.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington, New Zealand.

I remain, &c.,

H. G. BAIN, Acting Town Clerk.

(Certified Extract from the Official Minutes of the Proceedings of the Capetown Municipal Council, 14th June, 1906.)

At a meeting of the Town Council of the City of Capetown, held at the City Hall, Capetown, on Thursday, 14th June, 1906, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Present: His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor H. Liberman, J.P.), in the chair, Councillor Sir William Thorne, Kt., M.L.A., J.P. (Deputy-Mayor), and eleven Councillors.

Before proceeding with the ordinary business of the Council, His Worship the Mayor made sympathetic reference to the great loss which had fallen upon the Empire, but more particularly upon the people of New Zealand, by the sudden death of their distinguished Premier, the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, and moved, "That this Council do place on record their sense of the great loss which the Empire has sustained in the lamentable decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and do instruct the Acting Town Clerk to forward to the relatives of the late right honourable gentleman an expression of their sympathy and condolence." The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Sir William Thorne, Kt., M.L.A., J.P., Deputy-Mayor, and it was carried unanimously, honourable Councillors upstanding.

H. G. BAIN, Acting Town Clerk

NEW-ZEALANDERS IN CAPETOWN

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Capetown, South Africa, 13th June, 1906.

We, the undersigned New-Zealanders in Capetown, beg to tender to yourself and family our deep, sincere, and heartfelt sympathy in the great and irreparable loss of your dearly beloved husband and father, and our late worthy Premier.

We sincerely trust that your heavy burden will be lightened with the knowledge that not only New Zealand, but the whole British Empire mourns the loss of one who always steadfastly placed the colony and Empire foremost in his mind and work.

Yours, &c.,

HERBERT C. PILCHER,
WM. E. WOODS,
And 18 others.

Mrs. Seddon.

MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND PEOPLE OF KIMBERLEY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Kimberley, 12th June, 1906.

FOR Borough Council and people of Kimberley, offer sincere sympathy yourself and family on decease of your husband, whose death I regard as national loss.

MAYOR.

NEW-ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS IN DURBAN.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Durban, 13th June, 1906.

DURBAN New-Zealanders and Australians tender their sincere sympathy.

WALTON.

NEW ZEALAND CLUB, PRETORIA.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Pretoria, 12th June, 1906.

ADMIRATION for a great man prompts our deepest sympathy.

NEW ZEALAND CLUB, Pretoria.

NORTH OF ENGLAND ASSOCIATION, KIMBERLEY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Kimberley, 13th June, 1906.

DEEPEST sympathy from North of England Association.

TRANSVAAL INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY.

MADAM,—

Pretoria, 16th June, 1906

At a large and representative meeting of the above party, held on the 13th instant, a most sincere and heartfelt vote of condolence was passed to you for the recent sad and heavy loss which you have sustained.

Our members wished me to convey to you their appreciation of your late husband's genius as a statesman, and the feeling was generally expressed that the loss is not only yours and your colony's but the Empire's at large.

Will you be good enough to accept this sincere testimony of our sympathy.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

H. MEADOWS, Secretary.

SOUTH AFRICA, VANCOUVER, AND FIJI.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

MAYOR, TOWN COUNCIL, AND INHABITANTS OF EAST LONDON, CAPE COLONY.

(Telegram.)

His Excellency the Governor.

June, 1906.

MAYOR and Town Council and inhabitants of East London desire to express their sincere sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Seddon. Will you please convey message.

GOVERNOR, Cape of Good Hope.

NEW-ZEALANDERS IN CAPE TOWN.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

Cape Town, 13th June, 1906.

CONVEY heartfelt condolence bereaved family Seddon from New-Zealanders Cape Town. Send wreath in our name.

PILCHER, Cape Town.

NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT AGENT IN CAPE TOWN.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

12th June, 1906.

DEEPLY grieved Mr. Seddon's death. Convey sincerest sympathy relatives.

PILCHER.

TRANSVAAL INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY.

SIR,—

Pretoria, 16th June, 1906.

At a large and representative meeting of the members of the above party, held on the 13th instant, a unanimous vote of condolence was passed to the members of the Parliament and the people of New Zealand in the great loss which you have recently sustained in the lamented death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C.

It is felt by our party that his death is a loss not only to his colony but to the Empire at large.

Will you please accept this, our heartfelt sympathy, for your Parliament and people.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington, New Zealand.

H. A. S. MEADOWS, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE-YORKSHIRE SOCIETY, PORT ELIZABETH.

(Telegram.)

Sir Joseph Ward, Wellington.

Port Elizabeth, 13th June, 1906.

SYMPATHY.

LANCASHIRE-YORKSHIRE SOCIETY.

THE AUSTRALASIAN CLUB, VANCOUVER, B.C.

To the Government and People of New Zealand.

Vancouver, B.C., 20th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the members and friends of the above club, held recently, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this meeting of Australasians, held in Canada, at Vancouver, B.C., 14th June, 1906, learns with sincere regret of the decease of Mr. Richard Seddon, the Premier of New Zealand; and recognises that in the death of so distinguished a statesman, New Zealand has lost her best friend, Australasians have lost a most useful and valuable politician, and the Empire a strong and enthusiastic ally. That the above be transmitted to the Government of New Zealand, conveying through them to the family of the deceased statesman and the people of New Zealand an expression of the deepest sympathy in their bereavement."

For the meeting,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

R. H. KINGSFORD SMITH, Secretary.

CITIZENS OF LEVUKA.

(Telegram.)

Acting Prime Minister, Wellington.

Levuka, 12th June, 1906.

CITIZENS of Levuka tender heartfelt sympathy.

HEDSTROM, Warden.

NEW-ZEALANDERS AND OTHER BRITISH COLONISTS AT NAIROBI, BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

SIR,—

Nairobi, British East Africa, 28th June, 1906.

I have been requested by a public meeting held here to forward to you the enclosed message of condolence, in the hope that you will kindly forward same to the relatives of the late Mr. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

A. S. FREW, Chairman of Meeting.

The Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand.

At a meeting of New-Zealanders and other British colonists the following resolution was proposed and signed by all present, and many unable to be present have written asking that their names be appended. Proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Rayne, and carried unanimously: "That this meeting sympathizes with the relatives, and the people of New Zealand, in their sorrow over the death of Mr. Seddon, and deploras this loss to the Empire."

A. R. Frew, Chairman.	G. Outram.	H. Diamond.
J. A. Rayne.	E. King.	A. J. R. Frew.
T. H. Galbraith.	F. J. Bullows.	John Sharpe.
A. Kauffman.	A. E. Standring.	D. C. Cooper.
J. Marcus.	F. Besley.	George Woods.
B. Sargeant.	G. Bunting.	Fred. S. Clark.
D. Greenslade.	R. H. Hampson.	Thomas Deacon.
Robert Pears.	Ernest W. Low.	J. B. Wood.
A. B. Cook.	W. Pearson.	Walter Dunn.
F. Tyssen.	R. Stanley.	H. Rayne.
B. Barns.	F. M. Hardy.	

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, FIJI.

Copy of a Resolution agreed to at a Meeting of the Legislative Council, held at Suva on the 10th October, 1906.

PROPOSED by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, and seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lazarus, "That this Council, at its first meeting holden since the death of the Right Hon. Richard Seddon, desires to place on record its profound regret at his untimely decease, and to express its deep sympathy with his family and the people of New Zealand." The resolution was agreed to unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTARY MISCELLANEOUS.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

COURT SIR GEORGE BOWEN, A.O.F.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

118 Owen Street, Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the above Court, held on the 11th instant, I was instructed to write to you conveying to yourself and family our deepest sympathy in your great bereavement.

I am, &c.,

A. W. V. TRAVERS, Secretary.

ADVANCE LODGE OF GOOD TEMPLARS.

MADAM,—

Cust, 30th July, 1906.

I am instructed by the Cust Good Templars, Advance Lodge No. 179, to convey to you the following resolution carried at our last meeting:—

"That this lodge place on record their high appreciation of the many valuable services rendered to the colony by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also that we tender our deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their great and sudden bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

MARY PACKER, Hon. Secretary.

WAIUKU MOUNTED RIFLES.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Waiuku, 13th June, 1906.

WAIUKU Mounted Rifles wish to express their heartfelt sympathy to yourself and family in your sad bereavement.

R. ALLEN BENT, Captain.

PEOPLE AT TAIKOREA.

DEAR MADAM,—

Taikorea, 18th June, 1906.

We the undersigned, through our chairman, Mr. B. Gray, desire to express to yourself and family our deep sorrow for the sad bereavement that has fallen upon you and yours by the death of your beloved husband, and our late Premier; and trust God will sustain you through your sad affliction.

We are, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon and Family, Wellington.

W. RICHMOND,	B. H. SLACK,
J. LITTLE,	A. OLIVER,
J. MUDFORD,	B. GRAY, Chairman.

NATIVES AT HAMUA.

MRS. SEDDON,—

Hamua, 13th June, 1906.

We mingle our tears with the family and friends of the illustrious chief of both races who has now departed from us.

Be comforted with the thought that we will meet him again in the land where sorrow is unknown. Great was his sympathy with me at the death of Rhipeti.

From you sorrowing friend.

NIREAHA TAMAKI,

Aye and all the Maoris from sea to sea.

OFFICERS OF H.M.S. "PIONEER."

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

OFFICERS of "Pioneer" wish to express their deep sympathy at your great bereavement.

NEW ZEALAND AND IMPERIAL MEMBERS OF H.M.S. "PIONEER."

(Telegram.)

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

NEW ZEALAND and Imperial members of H.M.S. "Pioneer" desire to convey to Mrs. Seddon, family, and self sincere sympathy in your sad bereavement.

SUPPLEMENTARY MISCELLANEOUS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

WOOLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Woolston, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Woolston School Committee, to ask you to kindly forward the enclosed resolution of regret and sympathy at the death of the Premier to Mrs. Seddon and family.

Trusting you will oblige,

I am, &c.,

J. J. OWEN, Secretary.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

At the monthly meeting of the Woolston School Committee the following resolution was passed: "That this Committee sincerely regrets the death of the Premier, and expresses its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family and friends in their sad bereavement."

TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS OF TANGOWAHINE SCHOOL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Tangowahine, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey sympathy of scholars and teachers Tangowahine School to Mrs. Seddon and family.

CHAS. W. BOSWELL.

NORTHERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY (LIMITED).

DEAR SIR,—

Auckland, 13th June, 1906.

I desire to express my deep sense of the great loss the Government and colony have sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. In the presence of such a calamity party differences disappear, and all unite to pay their tribute to the ability, energy, and patriotism of the deceased statesman, who has done so much for New Zealand.

Will you accept my sympathy, and also convey an expression of it to Mrs. Seddon and family.

Yours, &c.,

CHARLES RANSON, Manager.

(For the Northern Steamship Company (Limited).)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

BLENHEIM DRUIDS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Blenheim, 12th June, 1906.

BLENHEIM Druids grieved to hear of Premier's sudden departure for the great unknown. Kindly convey sympathy to relatives.

W. BUSH.

WESTPORT TROTting CLUB.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Westport, 16th June, 1906.

At a meeting of my committee a resolution was passed requesting you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the extreme sorrow and regret at the loss of a devoted husband and father, and the loss to the country of the greatest statesman New Zealand has ever had.

T. SLEE, Secretary, Westport Trotting Club.

OHURA SETTLERS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Ohura, 14th June, 1906

OHURA settlers tender their sympathy and regrets to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement. They regret the loss of such an able statesman and true friend of the people.

W. WILLIAMS.

SETTLERS OF WHAKAPIRAU AND BICKERSTAFFE.

DEAR SIR,—

Whakapirau, Kaipara, 9th July, 1906.

I have enclosed you a paper, signed by the residents of Whakapirau and Bickerstaffe, re the great loss sustained by the Empire and the colony in regard to Mr. Seddon's death. They wished to show their appreciation of our late friend in a body.

With kind regards,

I am, &c.,

W. HEATHCOTE JACKMAN.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington.

We, the undersigned settlers and residents of Whakapirau and Bickerstaffe, wish to place on record our great esteem and admiration for the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, also to express our sorrow at the great loss the Empire and the colony have sustained by his death. We would ask you to convey our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon in her great affliction, and assure her that her late husband's name will always be held in loving remembrance by the people of New Zealand. We also especially wish to call your attention to this fact: that previous to the purchase of Bickerstaffe by the Government that estate supported six families; at the present time twenty-six families are making a good living, in addition to those employed on the experimental station.

We can only hope and trust that your Government will endeavour to carry out the progressive policy of your great predecessor, together with the great principle that guided all his actions—namely, fairplay to all sections of the community.

W. Heathcote Jackman.	Ada Walker.	C. E. F. Upton
Harry Winser.	E. Taylor.	John New.
Wm. Bridgman.	Percy Hill.	John E. Dawson
Thomas H. Hill.	James Milne.	P. Noyer.
H. L. Beauchamp.	Walter Underwood.	T. R. Williams.
E. Bell.	Richard L. Paige.	N. Diracca
W. Connley.	James M. Bowman.	Ernest Hargreaves.
J. T. Carter.	Henry Bowers.	Sophie Milne.
John Taylor.	Lizzie Bowers.	John Wm. Paton.
D. W. Lawson.	R. Bell.	Edith Jackman.
V. McMurdo.	Arthur Hill.	L. A. Hare.
E. W. H. Jackman.	Wm. Thomas.	J. Bell.
A. Forrester.	Rod. F. Lewis.	A. Masefield.
W. Upton.	A. F. Lewis.	Wm. Masefield.
A. A. Bull.	William Peoples.	A. E. C. Snee.
H. Chadwick.	Charles Peoples.	J. Lawson.
Florence Hamley.	Mrs. William Peoples.	Wm. Wharfe.
J. Williams.	Mrs. C. Peoples.	M. F. Lawson.
J. Hamley.	Jutly W. Hill.	Thos. J. Stewart.
Thos. Webb.	F. Wilmot Hare.	E. Rimber.
John H. Wood.	J. B. Cooksey.	M. S. James.
John Masefield.	D. Milne.	F. James.
E. M. Lusk.	Nicholas Martin.	S. Lush.
James McKenzie.	William Stoney.	T. Taylor.
James Fulcher Brown.	H. V. Phillips.	Alex. Masefield
Henry A. Smith.	P. H. Gibson.	J. O. Masefield.
John Walker.	Fred. B. Winser.	Ada Masefield.
E. Adams.	F. J. Jackman.	Henry McMurdo.
Sydney Rathbone.	John C. Bascombe.	Arthur Colbeck.
Jas. Anderson.		

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Premier of New Zealand, Wellington.

ROMAN CATHOLICS OF COROMANDEL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. McGowan, Wellington.

Coromandel, 12th June, 1906.

THE Catholics of Coromandel deploring unexpected demise of the Premier, our impartial friend and noble benefactor of the colony, desire to convey their condolence, through you our representative, to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

THOS. PATRICK LYNCH, Administrator.

TAIHAPU MINERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Acting Minister of Labour, Wellington.

Collingwood, 18th June, 1906.

THE Taihapu Miners' Union beg you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deepest sympathy in their great bereavement.

C. CROOK, Secretary.

MAHAU SUB-BRANCH OF THE FARMERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

12th June, 1906.

PLEASE present to Mrs. Seddon and family the sincere condolence of the Mahau Sub-branch of the Farmers' Union on the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

W. T. ERSKINE, Chairman.

MANAROA FARMERS' UNION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Mr. Mills, Wellington.

Manaroa, 15th June, 1906.

AM directed, through you, to send on behalf of Farmers' Union sincere expressions of sympathy to Mrs. Seddon in her bereavement.

CAMPBELL.

COROMANDEL SCHOOL OF MINES.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Mr. McGowan, Wellington.

Coromandel, 19th June, 1906.

COUNCIL Coromandel School of Mines deeply sympathize with Mrs. Seddon and family in great bereavement.

T. W. RHODES, President.

COROMANDEL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Mr. McGowan, Wellington.

Coromandel, 19th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon heartfelt sympathy of Committee, Coromandel District High School, in great bereavement, and of appreciation of great work accomplished by late Minister in cause of education, which alone will cause his memory to be held in grateful remembrance by generations yet unborn.

BEN B. JOHNSON, Secretary.

BLENHEIM WORKING-MEN'S CLUB.

(Telegram.)

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Blenheim, 11th June, 1906.

CONVEY our deep sympathy and regret for the loss which New Zealand and the world at large has had in the death of our beloved Premier.

E. JAMES, President.

TERRACE END SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—

Palmerston North, 11th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Terrace End School Committee, which was held this evening, a resolution was passed conveying the deep sense of feeling of the Committee in the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon as Minister of Education, and they wish to convey through you, as member for the district, their deepest sympathy to the relatives of the family.

Yours, &c.,

W. T. Wood, Esq., M.H.R.

L. E. HORNE, Secretary to Committee.

NATIVES AT ROTORUA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Whakarewarewa, 12th June, 1906.

GREAT is the weeping, the grief, the pain, and the sorrow for our parent the Premier Seddon, who has parted from us.

MAGGIE PAKAKURA.

PANAPA NIHOTAHI.

MITA TAUPOPOKI.

NATIVES AT WANGANUI.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 11th June, 1906.

CONVEY our sympathy to Mrs. Seddon on her late bereavement. Wish to know when will remains arrive, as Maori friends wish to come to greet remains home to Aotearoa.

ERUERA TEKAHU.

TAKARANGI MATIKINGA.

NATIVES AT TAUPO.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Taupo, 14th June, 1906.

WORDS cannot express the feeling I have towards the death of our honourable Premier, who died so suddenly, and I would like you to convey my kindest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family for the loss they have sustained.

TE HEUHEU.

Opepe, Taupo, 21st June, 1906.

GREETINGS to you, in whom the eyes of our rangatira friend the Premier, Mr. Seddon, are reflected.

Go, O Premier Seddon. Go, my Rangatira friend. Great was my love. Great my grief and the soreness for my rangatira friend the Premier, who now hath passed away from this world. That is all. My love for him will never cease.

From your most humble servant,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

NGAMOTU WIREMU.

NATIVES AT OPARUE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

Te Kuiti, 14th June, 1906.

PROFOUND regret Natives hear Mr. Seddon's death. May his memory live for ever!

LUCY JOSEPHS, behalf Ngatikinohaki Tribe.

MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE FROM NATIVES.

NORTHERN MAORI ELECTORATE.

NGAPUHI, RARAWA, AND AUPOURI TRIBES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. James Carroll, Auckland.

Kaikohe, 12th June, 1906.

A SYMPATHETIC greeting is this from his Maori tribes, the Ngapuhi, the Rarawa, and the Aupouri, for their parent, Mr. Seddon, whose love for them was so great.

Go, O parent of the Maori people! Go, go, go to our most loving mother, Queen Victoria. Go the white crane whose flight is seen but once across the forest of Tane. Go, then, the parent of the Maori and Pakeha peoples, leaving your people here vainly endeavouring to formulate their thoughts, where once your feet stood in the meeting-places amidst your Maori people of Aotea-roa (the North Island) and the Wai-pounamu (the Middle Island).

Convey our loving sympathy to the orphans and to Mrs. Seddon with her family.

HEREPETE RAPIHANA.

HIRAMIA PIRIPO.

WIREMU POAKATAHI.

HOORI PURIRI.

MEHAKA HAPATI.

And others.

RAWIRI TE RURU.

Ki a Timi Kara, Auckland.

Kaikohe, 12 Hune, 1906.

HE mihi aroha atu tenei na ona iwi Maori, Ngapuhi, Te Rarawa, Te Aupouri ki to ratou matua aroha nui ki a Te Hetana. Haere atu e te matua o nga iwi Maori. Haere atu! haere atu! Haere atu ki to matou whaea aroha nui ki a Kuini Wikitoria. Haere atu e te kotuku rerenga tahi o te Wao-nui-a-Tane. Haere atu na, e te matua o nga iwi Maori, Pakeha hoki. Waiho iho o iwi i tenei ao whakapau kau ai i nga mahara ki ou turanga i roto i nga marae kainga o ou iwi Maori o Aotea-roa me te Wai-pounamu. Hoatu hoki ta matou kupu mihi aroha atu ki nga pani ki a Mihi Hetana me tona whanau.

HEREPETE RAPIHANA me etahi atu.

NGAPUHI NATIVE WOMEN.

SIR,—

Greetings to you and all your party.

Kaikohe, 21st June, 1906

Great is the sorrow because of your companion, Mr. Seddon, who has departed from before the vision of the eye. Depart father, depart, depart; depart the mana, depart the post supporting principles, depart the taniwha of the waters; journey to our mother the (late) Queen, by whom we were bound in love. Journey to Sir George Grey, the man who removed the sorrows from amongst your peoples.

Sufficient. Friend, let us cry towards you the lament for our friend :—

[Here follows the *waiata*.]

Convey our love to the widows and orphans.

Sufficient.

[These are] the condolences of the body of Ngapuhi women at Kaikohe.

The Hon. Minister of Native Affairs, Wellington.

Ki te Minita mo nga Mea Maori.

Kaikohe, 21 Hune, 1906.

TENA koe me tou ropu katoa. He nui no te pouri ki to tatou hoa ki a Te Hetana kua wehe atu nei i mua i te tirohanga kanohi. Haere e Pa! Haere te mana, haere te pou o nga tikanga, haere te taniwha o nga wai, haere ki to tatou whaea ki a Te Kuini, nana nei tatou i here ki te aroha. Haere ki a Hori Kerei ki te tangata nana nei i whakawatea nga pouritanga i waenganui i ou iwi. Kaati e hoa, me tangi atu te tangi mo to tatou hoa ki runga ki a koutou :—

Huhu kau ana, rapurapu kau ana,

Ka ngaro ra e aku manu tiutiu i te ata e.

Papa te whatitiri, kahukura i te rangi

Tawhana kau ana, ko wai ki muri nei e i?

Tuhera kau ana te riu o te whenua e i!

To Uenuku haerenga e, i waiho e koe i!

To patu i te whare Tangaroa mauia te ika a Hinewehi e i.

Hei rapu utu mo korua e, e whakamana nei e i.

Mo nga korero i te whare e kore koe e ora, he puni taurarua e.

Ka kawea korua ka karapotia ki te pou roto, ki te pou waho,

Ki te pou whakakiwa te riri a te Taniwha e i!

Tuia te ika runga, tuia te ika raro,

Wahia to patu ki te angaanga o te rangi kokouri taritari ope mai e i:

Ka hinga tana ika ko Tunui-a-rangi, Tikitiki o te rangi,

Ka tu Kaiwaka i te uru e,

Taku koara te uira i te rangi ka whakamonenehu ko te tohu mate e i,

Rukuhia e hine he toroa mapuna, ka maea ki uta ra ka poroporoakina e i!

He aha koia koe te hapai ai te ara o to waka
 Uenuku moeroa ko te ika haraki he kawataua na o tupuna e tama e!
 Koa noa mai ra nga wahine i te uru e,
 Koa koe koaina he kai whakauturua he tangata e,
 Ka maro te ara no Whiro ki Aotea ra ia, oti atu ai!

Hoatu to matou aroha ki te pouaru me nga pani.
 Heoi ano nga mihi.

Na te ropu wahine o Ngapuhi ki Kaikohe.

TE RAWHITI NATIVES.

SIR,—

Te Rawhiti, Russell, 25th June, 1906.

Greetings to you, that it is to you and the Ministers and the honourable members of the Upper and Lower Houses. Greetings to you the reflection of the Premier, Mr. Seddon, who now has gone to join the assemblage of his Ministerial colleagues and his fellow-members of both Houses who have preceded him.

Well, then, we who are here can but express our farewells for our strong wise Premier, who endeavoured to seek out what would tend to the benefit of the colony, and the prosperity of the two races living in New Zealand. We can, then, but offer our sympathetic condolences to his wife and children, whose drink and meat are tears and the clothing such as ancestors used (clothes of mourning).

Go, O Sir! go to join the assemblage, your chiefs, your Ministerial colleagues, and the members of both Houses in yonder place.

Well, then, may there be comfort in the house of death! May it be well with you all, the Ministers and the members!

The Hon. James Carroll, Wellington.

From your friend,

T. WAAKA NEENE HAKUENE.

Ki a Timi Kara, Minita mo te Taha Maori.

Te Rawhiti, Russell, 25 Hune, 1906.

E HOA, tena koe, ara koutou tahi nga Minita me nga mema o te Whare o Runga, me te Whare o Raro. Tena koutou nga kanohi ora i to tatou hoa matua i a Te Hetana, te Pirimia, kua riro atu na ki te huihuinga o ana hoa Minita, me ona hoa mema o nga Whare e rua, kua riro atu na i mua i a ia. Waiho me mihi noa atu i konei ki to tatou Pirimia, kaha, mohio ki te rapu i tetahi ora e puta ai he painga ki te koroni, a e ora ai hoki ona iwi e rua e noho nei i Niu Tirenī. Me mihi kau atu ki tana hoa wahine me ana tamariki, e inu mai na i te wai o te tangihanga me te kai o te tangihanga, e kakahu mai na i te kakahu o o tatou tupuna. Haere atu e Pa! haere atu ki to koutou huihuinga rangatira ko o hoa Minita, me o hoa mema o nga Whare e rua i tena wahi. Haere atu.

Kaati nei. Kia ora te whare mate; kia ora hoki koutou nga Minita me nga mema.

Na to hoa,

T. WAAKA NENE HAKUENE.

MANGAMUKA NATIVES.

SIR,—

Mangamuka, 11th July, 1906.

A message of love in regard to our Premier. Farewell, father; depart thou who upheld the welfare of the island. Here the heart mourns thee. What waste it is that great minds should be taken by death! We the Maori people resident here in this kainga, Mangamuka, are continuously lamenting: we your people are still thinking of your kindness to us; therefore we will celebrate the day of your death and the day of your burial. Depart friend, depart, because of the inflexibility of death. It had been ordained by the Creator. The spirit has returned to the God who gave it, the body has returned to the earth from whence it came. Depart father, farewell. You have crossed from death into life. Depart to the Shepherd of thy spirit.

Sufficient loving messages to our good Premier, Mr. R. J. Seddon. Kia ora, O Mr. Carroll!

The Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington

From TAIPARI HEHEI.

Ki a Timi Kara, Wellington.

Mangamukua, 11 Hurae, 1906.

He mihi aroha ki to tatou Pirimia. Haere e koro, haere te kai-pupuri i te ora o te motu. Tenei te ngakau te tangi nei ki a koe. Maumau nga pu-mahara kia riro i a mate. Kei te tangi tonu matou to iwi Maori e noho nei i tenei kainga i Mangamuka. Kei te mahara ano matou o iwi ki o manaakitanga ki a matou, no reira ka whakanuia e matou to ra i mate ai me to ra i nehua ai koe ki te whenua. Haere e tama! haere i te kaha o te mate. He mea kua rite i te Kai-hanga, kua hoki te wairua ki te Atua nana i homai; kua hoki te tinana ki te oneone no reira nei to tinana. Haere e Pa, haere! Kua whiti atu koe i te mate ki te ora. Haere ki te Heparā o to wairua. Kia ora e Timi Kara!

Na TAIPARI HEHEI.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Auckland.

GREAT is the sorrow for the Premier who is dead. Go, O Sir! go.

Opononi, 11th June, 1906.

TAMAHO RAWIRI.

Ki a Timi Kara, Native Minister, Auckland.

He nui te pouri mo te Pirimia kua mate nei. Haere, e pa! Haere.

Opononi, 11 Hune, 1906.

TAMAHO RAWIRI.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Gisborne. Te Kao, 13th June, 1906.
 Go, the Right Hon. the Premier. Go, go the Parent of the tribes. Farewell, farewell.
 MUTU KAPA.
 PARATENE KAPA.

Ki a Timi Kara, Gisborne. Te Kao, 13 Hune, 1906.
 HAERE atu te Raiti Hetana, Pirimia. Haere, haere te matua o nga iwi. Haere, haere.
 MUTU KAPA.
 PARATENE KAPA.

KAIKOHE NATIVE WOMEN.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. J. Carroll, Auckland. Kaikohe, 12th June, 1906.
 THE honourable members: Greetings to you in the death of Mr. Seddon. Go, O Sir! Go to our gracious Queen. Great is the grief of us women for you and for your gracious beneficent acts.
 From the Ngapuhi Women's Committee.

MARARA W. HONGI.
 ERANA HONGI.
 PANE NGAPUA.
 PINE WHAI.

Hon. J. Carroll, Auckland. Kaikohe, 12 Hune, 1906.
 NGA mema honore: Tena koutou i a Te Hetana. Haere e Pa! haere ki to tatou Kuini atawhai. He nui to matou pouri to te taha wahine ki a koe mo au mahi atawhai.
 Na te Komiti Wahine o Ngapuhi.

MARARA W. HONGI.
 ERANA HONGI.
 PANE NGAPUA.
 PINE WHAI.

WESTERN MAORI ELECTORATE.

OTAKI MAORI RACING CLUB.

(Telegram.)
 Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington. Otaki, 23rd June, 1906.
 GREETINGS to you in this great calamity and the great grief for our parent the Premier. Our Maori Racing Club, Otaki, has voted £25 towards a memorial-stone for our parent.

TEONE MAKITONORE.

Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington. Otaki, 23 Hune, 1906.
 TENA koe i roto i te aitua nui me te pouri nui ki to tatou matua ki te Pirimia. Tenei kua pootitia e to karapu reihia Maori, Otaki, tetahi moni £25 mo te kohatu whakamaharatanga mo to tatou matua.

TEONE MAKITONORE.

FEILDING NATIVES.

SIR,— "Aorangi," Feilding, 14th June, 1906.
 Greetings to you and to our loving parent, Mr. Seddon, whose spirit has been taken away from us.

O Mr. Carroll! make known our love and our sorrow because of the death of our loving and kind elder having "mana" power, whose administration was so clear and beneficial to the two races of New Zealand, reaching even to other islands; and he died while formulating measures for the advancement of the colonies. Great is the sorrow and the soreness of the heart for his sudden death, leaving his wife and children as orphans. It is the earnest wish that the thoughts and the strength of the new Premier may equal those of our elder, Mr. Seddon. Sufficient.

The Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington. From us,
 RAMA APAKURA (From all Ngatikauwhata).

Ki a Timi Kara. "Aorangi," Feilding, 14 Hune, 1906.
 E PA, tena ra korua ko to tatou matua aroha ko Te Hetana kua tangohia atu nei tona tinana i a tatou. E Timi, mau e panui atu to matou aroha me to matou pouri mo te matenga o to tatou kaumatua aroha, atawhai, mana, marama ki te whakahaere tikanga e puta ai te pai ki nga iwi e rua o Niu Tirenī whiti atu ki era motu, a mate atu ia i te haeretanga ki te whakahaere tikanga e tupu ai nga koroni. He nui te pouri me te mamea o te ngakau mo tona matenga ohoreretanga me te mahue panitanga iho o tana whaerere me tona whanau. He nui te hiahia kia pera ano nga whakaaro me te kaha o te Pirimia hou me te kaha me nga pai maha noa iho o to tatou Kaumatua o Te Hetana. Heoi.

Na Matou,

RAMA APAKURA, Na Ngatikauwhata katoa.

ADDRESS from Hon. MAHUTA T. P. TE WHEROWHERO, M.L.C., HENARE KAIHAU, M.H.R., and other Waikato Chiefs.

Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

THERE being many chiefs of the Maori tribes of the Waikato, Kawhia, Thames, Tauranga, and Taupo districts temporarily residing at Auckland, the Hon. Mahuta te Wherowhero, M.L.C., requested Mr. Henare Kaihau, M.H.R., to call them together on Tuesday last, and prepare an address of condolence and sympathy in connection with the death of the Premier, and to forward it to the Government. Among those present were Haora Tareranui, Patara te Tuhi, Te Para Haimona, Wirihana te Aoterangi, Anaru Eketone, and Rawiri Puhata, with a number of their people. The following address was agreed to :—

“ The lamentations of the chiefs and people of the tribes of the Waikato, Kawhia, Thames, Tauranga, and Taupo districts for the sudden death of the Right Honourable the Premier of New Zealand, Mr. Seddon.

“ Great are the lamentations, the darkness, and the sorrow of the Maori chiefs and people in consequence of the death of the father of the Maori people, the benefactor of the widow, the orphan, and the needy. Great is the honour we accord to him, because of the mighty works performed by him for the public benefit. He is now separated from us in this world, hence the great sorrow felt by us the people of these districts, and the whole colony. It is right to bid farewell to and mourn over Mr. Seddon, the Premier, who has been taken away by the Great Creator to the pillow which has no place where to fall, and to that bed which cannot be raised. Alas ! alas ! our grief and pain overwhelm us. Depart, O, the mooring-post of the canoes of the two races. Depart, the mighty, towering totara-tree of the forest ; you have fallen by the axe of death, the irresistible ; death, the swallower of valuable greenstones. Although you have departed from among us, your virtues, your works, your love and affection, and your liberality to the people will not be forgotten by us. We retain the words of enlightenment which you afforded to us to be a guide and aid to carry out and complete your great works after you. It shall ever be to us as if you were still among us in this world directing us. Death is the great King of this earth ; it comes in many forms ; it has arbitrary power, and none can disobey its voice, be they ever so great or small ; therefore we, the people, lament and sympathize. The heavens likewise have cried out, the storms arose, the lightning flashed, the thunder rolled across the sky ; the soft wind of the crying of the earth and the great stormy wind has passed through the forest ; the other trees are sad, they cry, suffer, and groan with pain for the fall of the great totara-tree. Afterwards the people know of the death, and there is nothing greater than death. A man imagines he will continue for ever in the world, but he dies. The world thinks it rules itself, but when an earthquake shatters it, that is its form of death. In a similar way the waters think they have dominion, but when they dry up, that is their death. Stones rejoice in their hardness, and consider they cannot be broken up, but when they are shattered their death is accomplished. Death in its various forms rules everything, and cannot be averted. Thus arises the great pain and grief for you, our Premier, but in the midst of it we must not forget love to and condolence with the living. We tender our love, great sympathy, and heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement. May they be comforted in their great affliction and irreparable loss ! A man may be lost from his line, but the lines of hills built up by your beloved husband and father, and his lines of speech and action, cannot be removed, but will remain as a legacy to us all, to be treasured up in our hearts. Whence we may receive comfort and bind the fragments together, so that they may be conveyed to his tribes. And by thus doing it will be helpful towards assuaging the pain, darkness, and suffering of our hearts by the reflection that the great treasures left by our parent the Premier, the result of his life's labours in this world, will not be lost, but are duly appreciated, and will be ever remembered by succeeding generations. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but good works shall never pass away ; they live for ever.”

(Telegram.)

HON. MAHUTA T. P. TE WHEROWHERO.

Hon. J. Carroll, Auckland.

Huntly, 12th June, 1906.

O MR. CARROLL ! Greetings to you, the representative of our elder who has now passed away to Po (the place of departed spirits). Great is the affection, the sadness, and the heart's lamentation. It, however, could not be averted, the World's Great One could not escape fate (death) which takes all the great ones of the world. Sufficient.

MAHUTA.

Hon. J. Carroll, Auckland.

Huntly, 12 June, 1906.

E TIMI, tena koe, te ahuatanga o to tatou kaumatua kua ngaro atu nei ki te Po. Kei te nui te aroha me te pouiri me te tangi o te ngakau. E taea te aha i te tangata nui o te ao i a aitua. Nana i tango nga rangatira o te ao. Heoi.

MAHUTA.

FRIEND,—

Kohanga, Onewhero, Waikato, 19th June, 1906.

Greeting to you in Aotea and Waipounamu. Greetings to you, the representative of our chief, who has passed away from us in this world. Go, the exalted one, go, go in the path that is for your chiefs ; go to the tribes ; go to the hapus ; go to the meeting-place of men in Po (the place of departed spirits) ; go, my chief. This death, which overtakes each man, woman, and child, could not be averted. Go, my chief, go into the presence of the Heavenly Father. He will have you in his keeping. He will bless you. He will give you of all the blessed fruits of heaven now and for ever. O my Chief ! this is a lament for thee,—

When even falls cometh affection, and earth itself pulsates.
It was you, O sir, so affected me that I am nerveless.
Let this my letter tell you and hear my spirit's message,
You went to and fro,
Even to the mountain's topmost peak.

O my chief! go, go, go. This ends my message to you. O Mr. Carroll! greeting to you. May the Heavenly Father keep you and enlighten you in your sadness for our friend who has passed away from us! May he give you of the strength of his Holy Spirit for the enlightenment of your heart and understanding now and for ever! That is all.

The Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

FROM KEREI KUKUTAI.

Ki a Timi Kara.

Kohanga, Onewhero, Waikato, 19 Hune, 1906.

E HOA, tena koe e noho mai na i Aotea i te Waipounamu. Tena koe i te ahuatanga i to tatou rangatira kua wehe atu nei i a tatou i tenei ao. Heoi. Haere te tikitiki, haere, haere! Haere i o koutou huarahi i o nga rangatira, haere ki nga iwi, haere ki nga hapu, haere ki nga huihuinga tangata i te Po. Haere taku rangatira. Ee taea hoki koa te aha tenei hanga te mate i pangia ai tera tangata, tera tangata, tera wahine, tera kotiro, tera tamaiti. Tenei taku rangatira haere kia tika to haere ki te Matua i te Rangi. Mana koe e tiaki e manaaki. Mana hoki e homai nga hua papai katoa o te rangi ki runga i a koe, mo naianei mo ake tonu atu. Kaati taku rangatira he waiata tenei,—

E muri ahiahi ka haramai te aroha ka kokei te whenua
Nau nei e pa i tuku mai ki ahau, hei whakangoikore i ahau e i,
Kaati ko taku reta hei kite i a koe,
Ko taku tinana ra me mihi kau iho ki o haerenga e,
E maha pae maunga nana koe i arai mai,
Kei reira te tau e i.

Heoi taku rangatira, haere, haere! E Timi Kara, tena koe. E hoa, ma te Matua hoki koe i te Rangi e tiaki, e whakamarama i roto i tou pouritanga ki to tatou hoa kua wehe atu nei i a tatou. Mana e homai te kaha katoa o tona Wairua Tapu ki runga i a koe, hei whakamarama i to ngakau, i to hinengaro hoki mo naianei mo ake tonu atu. Heoi ano.

Na KEREI KUKUTAI.

FRIEND,—

Kawhia, 22nd June, 1906.

Greetings to you and your friend Mr. Seddon, the (late) Premier. I greet you by letter from here. Depart, O Premier! depart to heaven. Go to the God who made you; go to Our Father; go straight to his right hand and sit you there; take the third seat there. Queen Victoria and Tawhiao are (already) by his side; do you occupy the third seat. Depart, O my friend who talked over matters together with me at Huntly! Well, you have been speedy in your departure. Depart, farewell. My lament for you is,—

[Here follows waiata.]

Depart, my friend, to the pillow which slippeth not, and to the sleep which knows no awakening. Sufficient, friend. Kia ora to you and your wife; and the widow of our friend the Premier, and all her family. May God keep them all and guide them through this great sorrow! May love rest with them for ever and ever! Sufficient, friend. Kia ora to you.

From your friend,
TE POUWHARETAPU.

The Hon. J. Carroll.

Ki a Timi Kara.

Kawhia, 22 Hune, 1906.

E HOA tena koe, korua ko to taua hoa ko Te Hetana, te Pirimia. Me mihi a reta atu korua e au i konei. Haere e te Pirimia, haere ki te rangi, haere ki te Atua nana nei koe i hanga. Haere ki to tatou Matua. Kia tika tonu to haere ki te taha katau, ki reira koe noho mai ai. Tangohia mai e koe te tuuru tuatoru. Kei tana taha a Kuini Wikitoria me Tawhiao, ko koe ki te tuuru tuatoru. Haere taku hoa i korero tahi ai taua i Hanatere i a taua korero. Heoi nau i tere te haere. Taku tangi mou:—

Te Paraha i te rangi whakarongo mai ra!
Nau i wehewehe te rangi o te haere,
I taupuraa iho ki te makau whanaunga.
He kohaki nga iwi ka wehe ra i au na i!

Haere taku hoa ki te urunga te taka, ki te moenga te whakaarahia. Heoi e hoa kia ora koe me te hoa wahine a to taua Pirimia me tona whanau katoa. Ma te Atua ratou katoa e tiaki, e whakamarama i roto i tenei pouritanga. Kia tau tonu ki a ratou te aroha, ake, ake.

Heoi e hoa, kia ora tonu koe. Heoi ano.

Na to hoa,
TE POUWHARETAPU.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Auckland.

Te Kuiti, 12th June, 1906.

GREAT is the affection, the grief, and the sympathy for the parent who now sleeps in the resting-place, taken away by death.

HONE TAONUI.

Ki a Timi Kara, Auckland.

Te Kuiti, 12 Hune 1906.

KEI te nui te mihi, me te tangi, me te maimai aroha ki te matua kua moe ki te urunga te whakaarahia na aitua.

HONE TAONUI.

(Telegram.)

Hon. James Carroll, Gisborne.

Mahoenui, 13th June, 1906.

DEEPLY grieved to receive the sad news of New Zealand's great loss.

PEPENE EKETONE.

CHIEFS AND PEOPLE OF NGATIMANIAPOTO.

(Telegram.)

Hon. James Carroll, Wellington.

Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

THE chiefs and people of Ngatimaniapoto at a large meeting requested me to offer their condolence through you to Mrs. Seddon. They spoke with uncovered heads of one who they said was not only a great leader of the pakeha, but also the beloved *tino rangatira* of the Maori race. They recited their old *Whakataruki*, "*e hinga ana he tete kura.*"

JACKSON PALMER, Judge.

FRIEND,—

Ngaruawahia, 12th July, 1906.

Greeting to you, the representative of our *kaumatua* who has departed from us. The mournings and lamentations of the heart because of his departure into the night have not yet ceased. Sufficient. The hope of the heart is that God may mete out many blessings upon his family, and upon the whole people, and upon the work also.

Sufficient.

The Hon. the Minister for Native Affairs, Wellington.

From your servant,

ANARU EKETONE.

Te Honore Minita mo te Taha Maori, Poneke.

Ngaruawahia, 12 Hurae, 1906.

E PA, tena koe te ahuatanga i to tatou kaumatua kua wehe atu nei i a tatou. Kaore ano i mutu te mihi, te tangi o te ngakau mo tona motuhaketanga atu ki te Po. Kati, ko te tumanako a te ngakau kia nui nga manaakitanga a te Atua ki tana whanau, ki te iwi katoa, ki nga mahi hoki.

Heoi.

Na to pononga,

ANARU EKETONE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

Whangapoua, 18th June, 1906.

O SIR! the heart grieves for the great calamity that has befallen our chief. Great is the grief and the sympathy.

H. MANGAKAHIA.

Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

Whangapoua, 18 Hune, 1906.

E KORO kei te tangi te ngakau ki te aitua o to tatou rangatira. Kei te nui te pouri te aroha.

H. MANGAKAHIA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

Taupo, 22nd June, 1906.

Go, O Premier! the parent of the orphan and the poor; go to your ancestors.

PAORA ROKINO.

Timi Kara, Wellington.

Taupo, 22 Hune, 1906.

TE PIRIMIA te papa o te pani, o te rawakore, haere ki o tupuna.

PAORA ROKINO.

FRIEND,—

Waitotara, 14th June, 1906.

Greetings to you who direct the movements of the Maori people, to your wife and the people. May it be well with you! O Mr. Carroll! greetings to you, the representative of our friend Mr. Seddon, the Premier.

Go, O Sir! following our Lady, Queen Victoria, go to Po (the place of departed spirits). Go to the tribes, go to the forefathers who are in Po. Impossible it was to avert the stroke of that strong one, death. Go, you who were seized by the strong hand of death. Great was the grief and the soreness that came over me when I heard the news that you had gone from this world. Well, then, O friend! go, leaving your humble people beside themselves now you are gone. Friend, my love now rests on the flag that you and Mr. Carroll sent me: there it is, flying half-mast high since this sad news came. Go, O friend! go into the darkness, the intense darkness of Po.

These, then, O Mr. Carroll! are all the words of farewell for our friend.

The Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

FROM WAKARUA TAMAIPAREA.

Ki a Timi Kara, Wellington.

Waitotara, 14 Hune, 1906.

E HOA, tena ra koe, te tangata hautu o te iwi Maori, me to hoa wahine, me te iwi ano hoki. Heoi ra, kia ora koe.

Heoi e Timi tena koe, te ahuatanga o to taua hoa o Te Hetana, Pirimia. Haere atu ra, e koro! Haere atu, whai atu i muri i to taua kuia, i a Kuini Wikitoria. Haere atu ki te Po! Haere atu ki te iwi, haere atu ki nga matua i te Po. E taea koe e taku koro te pewhea i te tangata kaha, i a aitua. Haere atu i te ringaringa kaha o aitua. He nui ano te pouri te mamae i pa mai ki ahau i runga i te taenga mai o tou rongu, kua haere atu koe i tenei ao. Heoi ra e hoa, haere atu koe, waiho ake ana e

koe tou iwi mokai kia porangi ana i muri i a koe. Heoi e hoa, waiho ana e ahau tooku aroha ki runga i te haki i tukua mai nei e korua ko Timi Kara, whakarerengia ana e ahau ki te hawhe-maahi, i runga i te taenga mai o hou rongo. Heoi ra e te hoa, haere atu ra, haere atu ki te pouriuri ki te potangotango, ki te po i oti atu, oti atu ki te Po.

Heoi ano e Timi nga kupu poroporoaki ki to tatou koro.

Na WAKARUA TAMAIPAREA.

SIR,—

Pariroa, 18th June, 1906.

A sympathetic message to you—that is, to your Ministerial colleagues and your Government. Great is the love and the grief for the death of the Premier, who died in another colony. The heart was startled by its suddenness.

Go, O Sir! follow those great ones who have preceded you, go by the current that draws us resistlessly to Po (the place of departed spirits). Go, O Premier! the one by whom good was established in this colony. That is why your Maori people uphold your beneficent measures, which are for the benefit of the generations that follow you. Go, O Premier! the man who united the two races living in this island which is known by the name Aotea-roa (the North Island). Go, then, O Sir! leaving these Maori people of yours orphans after you, leaving your likeness and all your beneficent measures for your Maori people to greet. It may be that some dark black cloud will obscure the sky after you, covering the white clouds and making them all black. Go, then, our great chief.

Will you, O Mr. Carroll! give my message of sympathy to the Premier's widow and her children. Yonder are you, O Mr. Carroll! in the chamber of mourning of the Lady Apakura. Your ancestors' proverb is recalled: "When a chief dies another takes his place." Well, then, remain where you are, O Minister! with your colleagues and your Government. My *aroha* (affection) for the Premier and for you also will never cease. May God keep you! From your friend.

The Hon. J. Carroll.

FROM TUTANGE WAIONUI.

Ki a Timi Kara, Minita o te Taha Maori.

Pariroa, 18 Hune, 1906.

HE mihi ka tukua atu e au ki a koe, ara ki a koutou ko ou hoa Minita, me tou Kawanatanga. E nui ana te aroha me te pouri mo runga mo te matenga mai o te Pirimia, ki era atu koroni. Nui ana te ohonga reretanga o te mauri.

Haere atu ra e koro! whai i muri atu i o hoa nunui. Haere i runga i te au kume i te au hirere ki te Po. Haere e te Pirimia, e te tangata nana i hora te pai ki runga ki tenei motu. Koia ra^rto iwi Maori e hapai nei i au tikanga nunui hei pai mo nga uri i muri i a koe. Haere e te Pirimia, e te tangata nana i whakakotahi nga iwi o runga i tenei motu e huaina nei te ingoa, ko Aotea-roa. Haere e koro! Waiho ake ou iwi kia noho pani ana i muri i a koe, waiho ko tou ahua ko au tikanga katoa hei mihi ma ou iwi i muri i a koe. Tera pea hei muri i a koe e puta mai ai tetehi po kino, mangu o te rangi, e uhia ai nga kapua ma, e waiho ai aua kapua ma hei mangu katoa. Haere ra e toku rangatira nui.

Heoi e Timi Kara, mau e hoatu taku mihi ki te pouaru a te Pirimia, me ana tamariki. Noho mai ra e Timi Kara i roto i te whare mate o to kuia o Apakura. E Timi Kara, e noho ana te whakatauki a o tupuna, "mate atu he tete kura, ora ake he tete kura." Heoi, noho mai me o hoa Minita me tou Kawanatanga. E kore e mutu toku aroha ki te Pirimia me toku aroha ano hoki ki a koe. Kia tohungia koe e te Atua.

Na tou hoa,

TUTANGE WAIONUI.

(Telegram.)

Hon. James Carroll, Wellington.

Wanganui, 15th June, 1906.

GREAT is the regret because of the inability to go thither in connection with this our calamity.

HORI PUKEHIKA.

Hon. James Carroll, Wellington.

Wanganui, 15 Hune, 1906.

HE nui te pouri i te korenga e tae atu kia kite i to tatou aitua.

HORI PUKEHIKA.

SIR,—

Pipiriki, Whanganui, 2nd July, 1906.

Greetings to you, mingled with grief for the death of your friend, who was true towards the Maori tribes of this Island. But why grieve over the acts of God? He (Mr. Seddon) died on the bosom of the great ocean. That was the place where the voice of God resounded in the creation of the world in ancient times. God put man on this world and God taketh him away; therefore praise the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Jesus Christ is our Saviour.

My being sick was the reason why I was unable to attend there on the day of the funeral of your friend. Give my love to Mrs. Seddon and family.

The Hon. James Carroll.

From your humble servant,

ATIRIA TE KAHUKOKA.

Ki a Timi Kara.

Pipiriki, Whanganui, 2 Hurae, 1906.

E PA tena koe, me te ngakau pouri mo te matenga o to hoa pono ki runga i o iwi Maori o te motu nei. Otiia hei aha i pouritia ai te taonga o te Atua. I mate ia ki te kare o te moana nui. Ko te wahi tera i whakapaoho ai te reo o te Atua i te oroko hanganga o te ao. Na te Atua te tangata i homai ki tenei

ao, a na te Atua ano i tango atu; heoi me whakapai te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tama, me te Wairua Tapu Ko Ihu Karaiti to tatou Kai-whakaora.

He mate noku te take i kore ai ahau e tae atu i te ra i nehua ai to hoa. He aha koe mau e hoatu taku aroha ki te hoa wahine o te Hetana, me ta raua whanau.

Na to mokai,
Na ATRIA TE KAHUKOKA.

TUROA AND NGATIWHITI TRIBES.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Whanganui, 20th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Natives of the Tribes of Turoa and Ngatiwhiti, we desire to express to you our grief at the death of your Prime Minister, the late Mr. Seddon.

Mr. Seddon was for many years the holder of high office under you and those who represented His Majesty the King. During that time he had many and various dealings with the Maoris of the Whanganui and other districts, and he was always a true friend to our race. He understood our needs, and did all in his power to help us and make us happy.

We hope that the man whom you choose to be Prime Minister in his place may be a man of the same spirit as Mr. Seddon. That will be best for you and also for us.

We ask you to accept the accompanying gifts as an indication of the sincerity of our tribute to Mr. Seddon.

POROKORU TUROA.	TAIURI TE RANGO.
KIINGI TUROA.	PINE TUAKAU.
ERUETI ARANI.	HENARE TE ARO.
KAHUNGUNU TE AHUNGA.	TEONE TEEHI.
HIRAKA TE RONGO.	

To His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand.

KIA PAI MAI KOE I RUNGA I TO RANGATIRATANGA,—

Whanganui, 20 Hune, 1906.

Mo runga mo nga hapu o Turoa me Ngatiwhiti, e hiahia ana matou ki te whakaatu atu ki a koe i to matou pouiri me to matou aroha i te matenga o te Pirimia, o Te Hetana.

He maha nga tau i noho ai a te Hetana hei mahi i nga mahi nunui i raro i a koe me era atu i tu hei whakakapi mo te Kingi. I roto nei i aua tau he maha ana mahi me ana whakahaerenga ki nga Maori o Whanganui me era atu takiwa, a he hoa tuturu pono ia ki to matou iwi. I mohio hoki ia ki o matou raruraru a whakamamatia ana e ia, a whakakoa ana i o matou nei ngakau.

E tumanako ana matou ko te tangata e whakaturia mai ana e koe hei Pirimia whakakapi i tona turanga, kia pera ano hoki ona whakaaro pai me o te Hetana. He painga hoki tena mou me matou hoki.

E hiahia ana matou kia whawhatia mai e koe o matou taonga e tukuna atu nei, hei tohu o to matou aroha ki a te Hetana.

Ki a te Kawana o Niu Tireni.

POROKORU TUROA.	TAIURI TE RANGO.
KIINGI TUROA.	PINE TUAKAU.
ERUETI ARANI.	HENARE TE ARO.
KAHUNGUNU TE AHUNGA.	TEONE TEEHI.
HIRAKA TE RONGO.	

To Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Kohanga, Onewhero, Waikato, 19th June, 1906.

GREETINGS to you, the living face of our chief who has passed away from our presence. Peace be with you. May God care for and protect you in the midst of your sorrow over your companion who has been taken from you! It is well my chieftainess, he has gone to the ultimate end of all things; he has gone to the (departed) nations, languages, and assemblies of people, and to God also, to the Being by whom he was created. He has reached the place where there is no trouble. He has crossed from death unto life.

Sufficient, O my chieftainess! be clear, be calm. Greetings to thee in the house of mourning. Kia ora, kia ora. May God outpour the strength of his Holy Spirit upon you to render clear your heart and your soul also both now and for ever! Amen. Sufficient.

From KEREI KUKUTAI.

To Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Kohanga, Onewhero, Waikato, 19 Hune, 1906.

TENA koe, nga kanohi ora i to tatou rangatira kua wehe atu nei i mua i a tatou aroaro. Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koe, ma te Atua koe e tiaki e manaaki i roto i tou pouritanga ki tou hoa kua tangohia atu na i mua i tou aroaro. E pai aia e taku rangatira wahine, e haere ana ia ki te uhutanga o nga mea katoa, e haere ana ia ki nga iwi ki nga reo ki nga huihuinga tangata, ki te Atua hoki, ki te tangata nana ia i hanga, kua tae ia ki te wahi kore raruraru, kua whiti atu ia i te mate ki te ora. Heoi ra e taku rangatira, kia marama, kia marama; tena koe i roto i te whare taua, kia ora, kia ora. Ma te Atua e homai te kaha o tona Wairua Tapu ki runga i a koe hei whakamarama i to ngakau a tae atu ana kii tou hinengaro mo naiane mo ake tonu atu. Amene. Heoi ano.

Na KEREI KUKUTAI.

EASTERN MAORI ELECTORATE.

ARAWA MAORI COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. James Carroll, Wellington.

Maketu, 16th June, 1906.

On behalf Arawa Council much *pouri* for sudden death of Hon. Mr. Seddon. Recognise in him a true friend of the Maoris, who built the mana of the Empire in the Southern Hemisphere. Sympathy with your colleagues.

RAURETI MOKONUIARANGI.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

Rotorua, 14th June, 1906.

THE Arawa greet widow and family of late Honourable Seddon, and mourns with them loss of father. Farewell, O thou who stood as a great rock and gave shelter and calm to those around you! Farewell to the captain of our canoes. Farewell to the great totara-tree that towered above all compeers. A long farewell to the father of old and young.

From the ARAWAS.

TUHOURANGI TRIBE.

FRIEND,—

Te Whakarewarewa, 12th June, 1906.

Greetings to you, the spirit of our Premier. We are sending you a message of sympathy from this one of your Maori tribes, the Tuhourangi, living at Whakarewarewa, Rotorua, on the death of our loving parent, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of the colony, which we ask you to convey to his wife and family.

To Mrs. R. J. Seddon,—O lady! we sympathize with you and your family in this exceedingly great and sudden calamity that has befallen you and your family in that our parent, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, has been removed from this world to that other one, to the place long ago appointed as the resting-place of the dead. Therefore great is the sadness of the tribe of your Maori people, because he has been taken away from us. It is indeed a great loss that has befallen the whole colony. It has been greatly seen, it has been widely known amongst his two peoples, the Pakeha and the Maori, living in Aotea-roa (the North Island) and in the Wai-pounamu (the Middle Island), and amongst other peoples outside thereof, and in England, the land that gave birth to his ancestors and parents, where he himself was born, how great, how long, and how exalted he was in the administration of important matters for this colony, how loyally he assisted the sovereignty of England in the African war, raising this colony up to a commanding position, for this colony was but a small one in the English Empire. Through the strong administration of his Government this colony is now looked upon as a great colony.

We shall never forget his sympathetic allusions to our chiefs when he came to Rotorua to the unveiling of the monument to their memory on the 10th March, 1906, and his words, too, of advice to the Pakehas to assist the Maori people—that is, by teaching them the knowledge of the Pakeha, so that the advancement of his Maori people might be assured for generations to come.

So it is. Great then is our sorrow for his death. Go, then, the mana (power), the chieftainship, the word, go Tutewehiwehi (a deity), go Tutewanawana (a deity). Farewell, accompanied by the hushed voice of multitudes and the suppressed hum of thousands.

Ended is this sympathetic message. May it be well with you and your family! May God have you in his keeping! May he enlighten your hearts in your sadness! Sufficient.

From your humble servant,

ERUERA WIKIRIWHI TE TUAAHU

(On behalf of all Tuhourangi).

The Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

Te Whakarewarewa, 12 Hune, 1906.

Ki te Honore Timi Kara, Minita mo te Taha Maori.

EHOA, tena ra koe te wairua o to tatau Pirimia. Tenei ka tukua atu ki a koe mau e tuku atu te mihi a tenei o ou iwi Maori, ara a Tuhourangi e noho nei i te Whakarewarewa, Rotorua, mo to tatau matua aroha mo te Raiti Honore R. J. Hetana, Pirimia o te koroni, ki tona hoa wahine me tana whanau.

Ki a Mrs. R. J. Hetana,—E kui, tena ra koe me to whanau i runga i tenei aitua nui whakaharahara, aitua ohore hoki kua pa nei ki a koutou ko to whanau. Ara kua tangohia atu nei to tatau matua te Raiti Honore R. J. Hetana i tenei ao ki tera ao, ki te waahi kua whakaritea mai i mua noa atu hei okiokinga mo te hunga mate. No reira he nui te *pouri* o tenei o ou iwi Maori mo runga i toona tangohanga atu. A he tino mate nui ano hoki tenei kua pa ki tenei koroni katoa. I runga i te mea kua kitea nuitia kua rangona nuitia e ona iwi e rua Pakeha, Maori e noho nei i Aotea-roa me te Wai-pounamu, me era atu iwi ano hoki i waho atu, tae atu ki Ingarangi ki te whenua o ona tupuna o ona matua i whanau mai nei ia i reira. Tona nui, tona roa, tona teitei i runga i ana mahi whakahaere tikanga nunui mo tenei koroni me ana mahi awhina hoki i te Kiingitanga i nga wa o nga pakanga ki Haute Awherika, i hapainga ai tenei koroni kia tarewa ki runga, i te mea ko te koroni ititi rawa tenei i raro i te Kiingitanga o Ingarangi, a na te kaha o nga whakahaere a toona Kawanatanga, katahi ano ka kiia tenei koroni he koroni nui. A kaore ano hoki matau i te wareware ki ana mihi mo ou matau Rangatira i te wa i tae mai ai ia ki Rotorua ki te huaki i nga kohatu whakamaharatanga i te 10 o nga ra o Maehe, 1906, me ana kupu whakamahara ki nga Pakeha kia awhinatia nga iwi Maori, ara kia akona ki nga matauranga Pakeha. Kia tupu ai tona iwi Maori a nga whakatupuranga e haere mai nei. No konei te nui rawa

o to matau pouri mo tona matenga, ko tenei, haere te mana, haere te rangatiratanga, haere te kii. Haere e Tutewehiwehi, haere e Tutewanawana. Haere te mu rau a te tini te wenerau a te mano.

Ka mutu nga mihi. Kia ora koutou ko to whanau, ma te Atua koutou e tiaki, Mana ano hoki e whakamarama nga ngakau i roto i te pouritanga. Heoi ano.

Na to pononga,

ERUERA WIKIRIWHI TE TUAAHU

(Mo Tuhourangi katoa).

TAUPO NATIVES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

Taupo, 22nd June, 1906.

TAUPO mourns, men, women, and children, for Mr. Seddon who now lies prone. Go, O Sir! in your goodness. A totara has been planted in the square at Taupo, a token of remembrance by the Maoris for Mr. Seddon.

KARAITIANA POI.

Timi Kara, Wellington.

Taupo, 22 Hune, 1906.

TENA koe. Kei te tangi a Taupo, taane, wahine, tamariki mo Te Hetana kua hinga nei, haere ra e koro me tou pai, he totara i tiria kei te koea o Taupo hei whakamaharatanga ki a Te Hetana, na nga Maori.

KARAITIANA POI.

SIR,—

“Opepe,” Taupo, 27th June, 1906.

Greetings. A farewell for my chief: Go, O Premier Seddon! go to join your ancestors. Go to Queen Victoria. Great grief, affliction, and soreness of heart came upon me because my rangatira friend, the Premier, has passed away from this world to the other. My aroha (love) will never cease, or my heartburning for my rangatira friend the Premier, whose administration for the well-being of the colony was so vigorous, and for the well-being of the Maori as well, in providing pensions. “A chief dies; another takes his place.” That is all.

From your most humble servant,

The Hon. James Carroll, Wellington.

NGAMOTU WIREMU.

Timi Kara, Minita mo te Taha Maori.

“Opepe,” Taupo, 27 Hune, 1906.

E PA, Tena koe, he poroporoaki mo toku hoa rangatira: Haere atu e te Pirimia Hetana. Haere ki o tupuna, haere ki a Kuini Wikitoria, he nui te pouri me te aroha me te mamae i pa mai ki ahau mo toku hoa rangatira, mo te Pirimia kua wehe atu i tenei ao, e kore e mutu te aroha me te tumanako o taku ngakau ki toku hoa rangatira ki te Pirimia, te tangata kaha ki te whakahaere i te ora mo te koroni, i te ora hoki mo te iwi Maori, koia ra tenei ko te penihana. Heoi. E mate ana he tete kura, e ara ana he tete kura hai riiwhi mo tana turanga. Heoi ano,

Na to pononga iti rawa,

NGAMOTU WIREMU.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

Whakatane, 14th June, 1906.

YES, greetings to you, the Maori people grieve for our parent who has passed away from us. Kia ora.

HURUNUI APANUI.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

Whakatane, 14 Hune, 1906.

AE, tena koe, e pouri ana te iwi Maori ki to tatou matua kua wehe atu na i a tatou, kia ora koe.

HURUNUI APANUI.

MATATUA MAORI COUNCIL.

Whakatane, 27th June, 1906.

A SYMPATHETIC letter from the Matatua Council on the death of Mr. Seddon:—

The sympathetic message: Go, O Mr. Seddon! the parent of the orphan and the poor. Your just, right, and beneficent deeds for man and the land will live after you, and this causes the heart to feel sore and sad, death having taken you away. It will be impossible at the present time to conjecture how much justice, goodness, and benefit will be derived by man and the land now that you are gone. The heart will therefore cherish all your good deeds for your Maori people, and they will be held in remembrance by us and our descendants in the days to come. Go, O Sir! go to Po (the place of departed spirits), leaving your honoured name to be held in respect by all the world.

Go, O Sir! go. This of your Councils is on the pinnacle established by you as a resting-place for your Maori people; hence it is that this one of your Councils greets you, the man who conferred this work on your Maori people, freeing them from those evil measures that weighed heavily on them in the past.

A sympathetic message to the widow and her family: O lady! greetings to you and all your house—that is, family—yonder, who are in great grief and pain for our parent who has been taken away by death, leaving us in pain and sorrow these days. Ended are the greetings.

Fragment of a Song.

My affection lingers o'er you, from me now separate,
Vainly aspiring, onward, upward, as a soaring bird;
You vanished in brightness, leaving me disconsolate;
On you were all my sad, sad thoughts centred, e! e! i! a!

Sufficient.

From the Matatua Council,

MERITO HETARAKA, Chairman.

(Who wrote and forwarded the same.)

Whakatane, 27 Hune, 1906.

Ko tenei pukapuka, he mihi na te Kaunihera o Matatua ki a Te Hetana :—

Nga kupu mihi : Haere atu ra e Te Hetana, te matua o te pani me te rawakore, kua mahuetia au mahi tika, mahi pai, mahi ora mo te tangata mo te whenua hoki i muri i a koe, a ka waiho tenei ahua hai mea whakamamae, whakapouri hoki i roto i te ngakau, mo runga i tou tangohanga e aitua. E kore nei hoki e taea te mohio i tenei wa te pai, te tika me te ora o te tangata me te whenua i muri i a koe, no reira ka puritia nei i roto i te ngakau o au mahi pai katoa ki runga ki tou iwi Maori, hai whakamaharatanga ma matau tae atu ki o matau uri, a nga ra e tu mai nei i mua i te aroaro. Haere e koro, haere ki te Po, waiho ko tou honore hai mea e whakamoemitiia ai e te ao katoa ki runga ki tou ingoa.

Haere e koro, haere atu, tenei te tu nei tenei o Kaunihera i runga i te taumata i poua nei e koe hai okiokinga mo to iwi Maori. A na reira tenei o ou Kaunihera ka mihi nei ki a koe, ki te tangata naana i here tenei mahi ki runga ki to iwi Maori, i watea ai etahi tikanga kino e peehi nei i runga i te iwi Maori i nga ra kua pahure ake nei.

Mihi ki te pouaru me tana whanau : E whae tena koe, me tou whare katoa, ara whanau, e noho mai na i roto i te pouritanga me te mamae nui ki to tatau matua kua tangohia nei ia e te mate, waiho iho ko te pouri me te mamae ki a tatau i enei rangi. Heoi nga mihi.

He Waiata.

Toku aroha ra e koro ki a koe e wawae ake ana e, e,
Te aroha, te parau ki te hao noa atu he manu haere ia e, e,
Ka riro purotu koe ka waiho manuka hau, ka apo aku mahara e, e, i, a.

Heoi ano.

Na te Kaunihera o Matatua.

MERITO HETARAKA,

Tiamana, te kai-tuhi me te kai-tuku.

RUATAHUNA NATIVES.

FRIEND,—

Ruatahuna, 4th July, 1906.

Greetings to you and your Ministerial colleagues, who are administering important matters affecting the colony. Ended are the loving greetings to you.

Only now do Tuhoe convey their message of sympathy on the death of our Premier :—

Go, O Premier! go by the path by which your ancestors went to Po (the place of departed spirits), the man who brought the Queen's word to the light of day—that is, the Treaty of Waitangi. Many were the Governors before you, and that word of the Queen's—namely, "Show aroha (love) to my Maori people"—was not realised; it was not till your day that that word—namely, the establishment of the Tuhoe Rohe Potae—was given effect to. Go then, O Premier! O Kopu! the star that ushered in the dawn, that stayed the dark, causing the light to be outspread. With you, maybe, will the prosperity of the Maori cease.

Great indeed is the love for you. Impossible will it be for human beings to follow you, there being no path by which those who wear primitive garments (made of mauku) may go.

The proverb hath it, "Nga mate i Kawerau me tangi atu i Whakatane." ("The deaths at Kawerau mourn for them from Whakatane.")*

That is all.

From your loving and sincere friends,

TE WHAREKOTUA,

TE WHENUANUI,

And others—in fact, from all the chiefs of Tuhoe.

The Hon. Mr. Carroll, Minister for Native Affairs.

Ki a Timi Kara, Minita mo nga mea Maori.

Ruatahuna, 4 Hurae, 1906.

E noa, tena koe, me o hoa Minita e whakahaere mai na i nga mahi nunui o te Koroni, heoi te mihi aroha ki a koutou, katahi ano a Tuhoe ka tuku mihi atu ki to tatou Pirimia :—

Haere ra e te Pirimia, haere i te ara o ou tupuna i heke ai ki te Po, te tangata nana i huti ake te kupu a te Kuini ki te ao marama, ara, te Tiriti o Waitangi, he nui hoki nga Kawana o mua atu i a koe, kaore i taea taua kupu a te Kuini, ara, kia aroha ki toku iwi Maori. Na, no te ra i a koe nei katahi ka rite taua kupu ara ko te Rohe Potae o Tuhoe. Haere ra te Pirimia, Kopu, te whetu takiri o te ata,

* This saying is applied when persons are too busy or disinclined (prevented from going) to attend funeral obsequies at a distant place.—"Maori Eschatology," E. Best, page 226, Vol. xxxviii, "Transactions, New Zealand Institute."

No doubt an allusion to their inability to attend the Premier's funeral.

tauarai o te po, titoko o te ao marama, ka mutu pea i a koe te ora mo te iwi Maori. He nui te aroha ki a koe, kaore i taea te whai atu kia kite a-tinana i a koe i kore huarahi, ko Ruatahuna kakahu mauku hoki tenei. E ki ana nga whakatauki "Nga mate i Kawerau me tangi atu i Whakatane." Heoi ano.

Na o hoa aroha pono,

TE WHAREKOTUA.

PARAKI WERETA.

TE MANIHERA PAHIRI.

TE WHENUANUI.

MIHAKA MATIKA.

HIMIONA RUA.

Ara, na nga Rangatira katoa o Tuhoë.

(Telegram.)

Hon. James Carroll, Auckland.

Go, O our Premier! whose love for your Maori people was so great. your God have you in His safe keeping.

Opotiki, 11th June, 1906.

Farewell, our parent. May
AKURANGI,
NGATINGAHERE,
For Whakatohea.

Ki a Timi Kara, Auckland.

HAERE e to matou Pirimia atawhai ki tou iwi Maori, haere ra e to matou matua. Kia atawhai tou Arika i a koe.

Opotiki, 11 Hune, 1906.

Kia atawhai tou
AKURANGI,
NGATINGAHERE,
Mo Whakatohea.

Omarumutu, near Opotiki, Bay of Plenty, 21st June, 1906.

To the Governor, and to the Minister—that is to say, to your Honourable House.

GREETINGS to you under the protection of our Lord.

Please convey our love to the widow of (the late) Mr. Seddon.

Greeting to thee, O mother! dwelling there in the house of sorrow because of your lord who has departed from you—that is to say, from us all.

Depart, father; depart the (accomplisher of the) welfare of the orphan and the destitute. You are gone, and the generosity has perhaps also departed. Depart from amidst your generosity, depart from amidst your bounties; we do not know that the bounties of the future will be equal to thine—that is to say, as far as the Maori people are concerned; that is why we feel such great love for thee.

Sufficient; it remains for God in the secret place to protect us all; you there, and us here also.

Therefore I write my name below.

AWANUI APOROTANGA, and the Ngati-Rua Hapu.

Omarumutu, wahi Opotiki, Bay of Plenty, 21 Hune, 1906.

Ki te Kawana, ki te Minita, ara ki tou Whare Honore katoa,

TENA koutou i raro i te atawhai a to tatou Arika, ma korua e hoatu to matau aroha ki te pouaru, ara ki te wahine a Te Hetana, e kui, tena ra koe, e noho mai na i roto i te whare pouri mo to rangatira kua wehe atu na i a koe, ara i a tatau katoa, haere e koro, haere, haere te ora o te pani o te rawakore, ka ngaro koe ka ngaro hoki pea te atawhai, haere i runga i to atawhai, haere i runga i to manaaki, e kore matau e mohio ka penei te ahua o te manaaki a muri ake nei, ara i a matau i te iwi Maori, koia te nui o to matau aroha mou.

Heoi ka huri, ma te Atua i te wahi ngaro tatau e tiaki, koe i kona, matau hoki i konei—koia ka tuhia taku ingoa ki raro iho nei.

AWANUI APOROTANGA, me Ngati-Rua Hapu.

WHANAU-A-APANUI TRIBE.

SIR,—

Maraenui, 20th June, 1906.

Salutations to you the attached friend of our kind friend whom death has separated from us. This is the message from us the Whanau-a-Apanui Tribe to the Government of the colony and the wife of Mr. Seddon with their children, telling how great our grief is, how great our affection. Tears coursed down the cheeks on hearing the sad news that our most kind friend Mr. Seddon, the honourable Premier, had gone to his long sleep.

Go, O Sir! go to Po (the place of departed spirits), go to your ancestors. May the Heavenly Father have your spirit in His care.

O Lady! the wife of Mr. Seddon, we salute you and your family now in the house of mourning for him who has passed away from us.

O Mr. Carroll! convey our sympathetic cry to the widow.

KOOPU ERUETI,

PAORA NGAMOKI,

For the Whanau-a-Apanui.

The Hon. James Carroll, Wellington.

Ki te Honore Timi Kara.

Maraenui, 20 Hune, 1906.

E PA, tena koe te hoa piripono o to tatou matua atawhai kua wehea atu nei ia e mate i a tatou.

He reta whakaatu tenei na matou na te iwi o te Whanau-a-Apanui ki te Kawanatanga o te koroni me te hoa wahine o te Hetana me ta raua whanau i te nui o to matou pouri me te aroha, matura iho

ana te wai o te kamo i te taenga mai o te rongo kua moe to tatou matua tino atawhai i te moenga roa, ara, a Te Hetana, te Honore Pirimia.

Haere ra e koro, haere ki te Po, haere ki o tupuna, ma te Matua i te Rangi e atawhai tou wairua.

E kui, te hoa wahine o Te Hetana, tena ra koe me to whanau katoa i roto i to tatou whare pouri mo tona tinana kua ngaro nei i a tatou.

E Timi, mauria atu ta matou mihi tangi ki te pouaru. Na,

KOOPU ERUETI.

PAORA NGAMOKI.

Mo te Whanau-a-Apanui.

AWANUI NATIVES.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. J. Carroll, Gisborne.

Port Awanui, 13th June, 1906.

GREAT is the grief because of this great calamity that has befallen us, because the parent of the measures has passed away, the post supporting works, the resting-place of the thoughts. Greetings to you his friends who remain, who are administering measures for the two races. Convey the people's grief to his wife and family.

HATI HOUKAMAU.

PENI HEIHI.

HORI MAHUE.

WIEMU POKIHA.

And all Ngatiporou.

The Hon. J. Carroll, Gisborne.

Awanui, 13 Hune, 1906.

NUI atu te pouri mo te aitua kua pa nei ki a tatou i te mea kua ngaro te matua o nga tikanga, te pou o nga mahi, te okiokinga atu o nga whakaaro, tena koe me nga morehu, ona hoa e whakahaere nei i nga tikanga mo nga iwi e rua, whakaatutia atu te pouri o te iwi ki tona hoa me tana whanau.

HATI HOUKAMAU.

PENE HEIHI.

HORI MAHUE.

WIEMU POKIHA.

Me Ngatiporou katoa.

NGATIPOROU TRIBE.

SIR,—

Waiapu, 14th June, 1906.

Greetings to you and your fellow-Ministers in sorrow for the misfortune which has befallen us through the death of our friend Mr. Seddon, the head of our Administration.

We have sent a telegram signifying our sorrow at his death. This is to complete the expression of the thoughts and words of this one of his Maori tribes in regard to the good qualities of himself and of his Government which is now over us.

He was the man who condensed the thoughts, who expressed the words, through whom sprung up provisions, who consolidated the administration, and who instituted the actions in the days now past.

The head-man of our canoe has departed. His body has disappeared, but his works, his words, and his ideas will remain as a signpost of remembrance of his aspect towards us who survive.

Who can say that the chief to arise in the future will be like unto him? However, the heart will continually hope that his words may be carried out and his intentions carried into effect with regard to us.

Sufficient.

H. HOUKAMAU

[9 others],

And the whole of the Ngatiporou Tribe.

The Hon. J. Carroll, Native Minister, Wellington.

Waiapu, 14 Hune, 1906.

Ki Te Honore Timi Kara, Minita mo te Taha Maori, Poneke.

TENA koe me ou hoa Minita i runga i te pouri mo te aitua kua pa nei ki a tatou, i te mea kua wehe atu a Te Hetana, to tatou hoa me te upoko o nga whakahaere i a tatou. Kua tukuna atu ta matou waea whakaatu i to matou pouri mo tona matenga. He whakatutuki atu tenei i nga whakaaro me nga kupu a tenei o ona iwi Maori mo runga i te ahua o ana painga me tona Kawanatanga e takoto nei i runga i a matou. Ko ia te tangata naana i tauhere nga whakaaro, i whakaari nga kupu, i pupu nga tikanga, i whakawhaiti nga whakahaere, i hapai nga mahi i nga wa kua pahemo ake nei. Ka ngaro te kai-hautu o to tatou waka. Ko tona tinana kua ngaro, otira ko ana mahi, ko ana kupu, me ana whakaaro ka waiho hei pou whakamaharatanga ki tona ahua ki a tatou ki nga morehu. Koai e hua e rite ki a ia te tete kura e ara mai i muri; otira ka tumanako tonu atu te ngakau tera e whakatinanatia ana kupu e whakatutukitia ana whakaaro mo matou.

Heoi ano ra.

Na matou,

H. HOUKAMAU.

MANAHI PARAPARA.

WI HOUKAMAU.

HOHEPA KARAPAINA.

POTENE TUHIWAI.

HENARE MAHIKA.

HOROMONA TEO PAIPA.

REIHANA MOARI.

HORI MAHUE.

WIEMU POKIHA.

Me Ngatiporou katoa.

THE POROURANGI TRIBE.

Tokomaru Bay, E.C., 26th June, 1906.

To Mrs. Seddon, Widow of the late Premier of New Zealand.

THIS is a loving message of condolence to you and your children who have been left behind here in this world. Mr. Seddon has departed from you—from us and from all the people, European and Maori. The kotuku (white crane) plume and the shelter of the Maori people from the winds. Great is the sorrow and the pain which has fallen upon us the Maori people of the East Coast.

Life is unimpaired (*i.e.*, continues to go on). Who can say, who can foretell what may happen in the days to come after the passing away of Mr. Seddon? I, the Porourangi Tribe, am weeping for the loss of my plume of feathers (*raukura*), Mr. Seddon. Depart, O totara pillar! to which were fastened the pledges of the respective nations of the world under our Empire, and under our Father in heaven.

Kia ora, Mrs. Seddon, and your children. Kia ora, the honourable members of the Colony of New Zealand. Kia ora, the peoples and languages. Our friend Mr. Seddon has passed away and committed to the earth—that is to say, to the Father in heaven.

Sufficient. Kia ora in the days of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MOKENA ROMIO,
On behalf of Porourangi Tribe.

Tokomaru Bay, E.C., 26 Hune, 1906.

Kia Mihihi Hetana wahine a te Pirimia o Nui Tireni.

HE mihi aroha atu tenei ki a koe, ara, ki a koutou ko o tamariki ka mahue iho nei koutou ki te ao, ka wehe atu nei a Te Hetana i a koutou, ara, i a matou, ara i nga iwi katoa, Pakeha, Maori, me te pare kotuku, me te whakaruru hau o nga Iwi Maori o Niu Tireni, he nui te pouri me te mamae i pa ki a matou ki te Iwi Maori o te Tai Rawhiti.

Toitu te ora, kowai ka hua kowai ka tohu i nga ra e heke iho nei muri i a Te Hetana, kai te tangi au, a Porourangi mo taku raukura mo Te Hetana, haere atu e taku pou totara whakamaunga o nga kupu a ia iwi a ia iwi o te ao i roto i to tatau Kingitanga, me te Matua i te Rangi.

Kia ora Mihihi Hetana, me o tamariki. Kia ora nga mema Honore o te Koroni o Niu Tireni. Kia ora nga Iwi me nga reo nana nei to tatau hoa a Te Hetana i tuku atu ki te whenua, ara ki te Matua i te Rangi.

Heoi, kia ora i roto i te ra o to tatau Ariki o Ihu Karaiti.

Na,
MOKENA ROMIO,
Ara na Porourangi.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Auckland.

MAY it be well with you in the death of our Premier!

Wairoa, 11th June, 1906.
TAARE METE.

Timi Kara, Auckland.

KIA ora mo te matenga o to tatau Pirimia.

Wairoa, 11 Hune, 1906.
TAARE METE.

NUHAKA NATIVES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Masterton.

A SYMPATHETIC greeting from us to the wife of the Premier, the family, and his Government.

Greetings to ye all; great is the affection and the sorrow of the heart. Go, O Sir! the parent of the people.

I. WHANGA.
E. WHANGA.
TE TARUKE.

Hon. James Carroll, Masterton.

HE mihi aroha na matau ki te hoa wahine o te Pirimia me taana whanau me tona Kawanatanga, tena ra koutou, he nui te aroha me te tangi o te ngakau, haere ra e koro, te matua o te iwi.

I. WHANGA.
E. WHANGA.
TE TARUKE.

WHATUIAPITI NATIVES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. James Carroll, Gisborne.

WHATUIAPITI Natives grieve the severe loss the colony has sustained in the late Premier's death, and express their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their irreparable loss.

Te Aute, 13th June, 1906.
MR. and MRS. ELLISON.

HERETAUNGA NATIVES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Gisborne.

Hastings, 12th June, 1906.

SUDDENLY startled and sore is the heart; unfeigned is the grief and the love for our parent now taken by the strong hand of death. Convey our cry to the widow and the children in the chamber of death. Even though we are not near of kin, it is because of benefits conferred that the heart now seeks for a parent. Your grief is like to ours, great indeed. Go the great one! go the strong pa (fortress), go the shield, go the bright morning star. There is no chief who can tread in your footsteps.

AIRINI TONORE.

MOHI TE ATAHIKOIA.

PARAIRE TOMOANA.

On behalf of the People of Heretaunga (Hawke's Bay).

Hon. James Carroll, Native Minister, Gisborne.

Hastings, 12 Hune, 1906.

OHORERE ana, a tino mamae ana hoki te ngakau, tapatapahi ana te pouiri me te aroha ki to tatou matua kua riro nei i te ringa kaha o aitua, mau e kawē i to matou tangi ki te pouaru me nga tamariki i roto i te whare mate, ahakoa chara i te uri tata, na nga mahi manaaki i te iwi nui ka rapu te ngakau kei hea he matua inaianei, to koutou pouiri ano ko to matou. Haere e te nui, haere e te rahi, haere e te pa kaha, haere e te whakangungu rakau, haere e te whetu marama o te ata, kaore he tete kura hei takahi i o tapuae.

AIRINI TONORE.

MOHI TE ATAHIKOIA.

PARAIRE TOMOANA.

Mo nga tangata o Heretaunga.

SIR,—

Ngatarawa, Hastings, 18th June, 1906.

Salutations to you, the *aroha* of our parent who has passed away from us. He has now followed his rangatira friends who have gone to Po (the place of departed spirits). Great is the sadness and the love from us who are left behind him. The two races, the Maori and the Pakeha, are now as orphans, for there is a feeling that we shall never have such a parent so loving to us.

Give my loving sympathy to the widow and the children of Mr. Seddon; tell them, too, how grieved and sore is the heart for our parent and their parent who has now passed away from them, from all of us, the many peoples of the world.

We should like many people to be present on the day of the funeral, and it is because of your word that "few should go" that there will be few. The elders only, with some of the younger ones, have been selected. I have told the majority that they must stay behind.

Mohi will take the mourning tribute from us two—a kiwi mat, a greenstone weapon, and a *tiki*. The pakehas, too, are sending a mourning wreath.

May it be well with you. Love to our relative.

The Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

AIRINI TONORE (Donnelly).

Ki a Timi Kara.

Ngatarawa, Hastings, 18 Hune, 1906.

E KORO, tena ra koe te aroha o to tatau matua kua wehe atu nei i a tatau, kua whai atu i muri i ona hoa rangatira kua pou atu ki te Po, ka nui te pouiri me te aroha o te ngakau ki a tatau kua mahue nei i a ia, kua noho pani noa iho nga iwi e rua te Maori me te Pakeha i runga i te mohio iho e kore rawa tatau e kite i tetahi matua mo tatau kia penei te ahua te aroha ki a tatau, he nui toku hiahia kia tae a tinana atu au ki te ra o te nehunga o to tatou rangatira. Heoi ra. Mau e hoatu taku aroha ki te pouaru me nga tamariki a Te Hetana. E koro, hoatu hoki te nui o te pouiri me te mamae o te ngakau ki to tatou matua me to ratou matua kua wehe atu nei i a ratou, i a tatau katoa, nga iwi maha o te ao. Ko to matau hiahia kia nui nga tangata e tae atu ki te wa o te nehunga, na to kupu kia iti e haere atu koia i iti ai, kohikohitia atu ana ko nga kaumatua anake e haere atu me etahi ano o nga tamariki; ko te nuinga riria ana e au kia noho. Ana to mau nei tapae roimata ka riro atu i a Mohi; kotahi te kiwi, kotahi te patu pounamu, kotahi te tiki, me ta te pakeha hoki tapae roimata, ara he pokai taua pua-rakau. Heoi kia ora me te aroha ki to tatou whanaunga.

AIRINI TONORE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

Hastings, 15th June, 1906.

GREETINGS. Great is the grief that has come upon us for our parent. We are going thither. Greetings.

URUPENI PUHARA.

Ki a Timi Kara, Wellington.

Hastings, 15 Hune, 1906.

TENA koe, he nui te pouiri i pa mai ki a matau mo to tatau matua, ka haere atu matau, tena koe.

URUPENI PUHARA.

WAIPAWA NATIVES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. James Carroll, Auckland.

Waipawa, 12th June, 1906.

THERE is much affection and acute lamentation of the heart for your parent and our parent who has passed from us. The totara-tree of the forest of Tane has fallen, the death of a mighty man whose fall has shaken the earth. Give my loving sympathy to the widow and family. O lady! I greet you from the well-spring of love. The eyes are suffused with tears for the parent whose love for the Maori, the great and the small, was so great. Farewell then, farewell.

I. HUTANA.

Timi Kara, Auckland.

Waipawa, 12 Hune, 1906.

Te aroha tangi nui o te ngakau ki to koutou matua ki to tatou matua kua wehe, he hinganga totara i te wao nui a Taane, he matenga tino tangata, wawara ana te taunga ki te whenua, hoatu taku oha aroha ki te pouaru me to raua whanau, hei kona ra e whae i roto i te puna wai aroha, tenei kei te maringi te roimata i roto i te tinana ki te matua aroha nui ki te iwi Maori te iti me te rahi, hei kona ra.

I. HUTANA.

PORANGAHAU NATIVES.

FRIEND,—

Porangahau, 16th July, 1906.

Will you please forward or give our love to the widow of the Premier.

O, mother! greetings to thee, and remembrances of your (late) husband who has passed away into the night, because of his body which has passed away from you and your family, which has passed away from his Parliament, which no longer appears amongst the Maori gatherings in Aotea-roa and Te Wai-pounamu. He through whom a definite clearness was shed upon the Maori people. He took—that is to say, he conveyed—the young men of rank to see the Diamond Jubilee of the (late) Queen. Secondly, the taking of the Maori soldiers to see the Coronation of the King. He also was there discoursing to the peoples of the earth and of England also, (saying) my children whom I have brought here are descendants of chiefs, descendants of princes, of lords, of dukes. Then for the first time did the peoples of the earth become aware that the Maoris are also rangatiras, and their Island also. But he had many other goodnesses which were apparent to the Maori people. That is the reason of our sorrow and our love. He had so many goodnesses that it is fitting that the sorrow of the heart should continue. What can be done with misfortune? The greatest man of the earth. By him has been taken all mankind. Chiefs, kings, prophets, all are there; governors, premiers, are in the wide road; others also will follow.

Sufficient. Kia ora to you and to your family. May the Creator protect you!

HETA MATUA.

TIPENE MATUA.

The Hon. James Carroll, Wellington.

Kia Timi Kara.

Porangahau, 16 Hurae, 1906.

E HOA, mau e tuku atu, e hoatu ranei to maua aroha ki te wahine a te Pirimia.

E kui! tena ra koe me te ahua o to hoa kua ngaro atu ki te po. Ka nui te tangi me te pouri o te ngakau mo tona tinana kua ngaro atu i a koutou ko to whanau, kua ngaro i roto i tona Paremata, kua kore hoki i roto i nga huihuinga Maori i Aotea-roa me te Wai-pounamu; a nana hoki i whiti ai tetahi maramatanga ki nga iwi Maori, i kawea, ara i mauria e ia nga tamariki rangatira kia kite i te Taimana Tiupiri o te Kuini, tuarua, ko te kawenga atu i nga hoia Maori kia kite i te Karanumatanga o te Kingi. I reira ano ia e kauhau ana ki nga iwi o te ao me Ingarangi hoki, ko aku tamariki i mau mai nei ahau he uri rangatira, he uri na nga piriniha, na nga rore, na nga tiuka. Katahi ka mohio nga iwi o te ao he rangatira ano te iwi Maori me to ratou motu. Otira, he nui atu ana painga i kitea ki nga iwi Maori. Koia nei te take o to matou pouri me to matou aroha he nui no ana painga. E tika ana ano kia mau te pouri o to ngakau; a taea hoki koa aitua te pewhea, te tangata nei o te ao kua riro katoa i a ia—Te tangata rangatira, kingi, poropiti kai reira katoa; kawana, pirimia, kei te huarahi whanui. Ka pera ano hoki etahi.

Heoi, kia ora koe, koutou ko to whanau. Ma te Kai-hanga koutou e tiaki. Heoi te mihi aroha.

HETA MATUA.

TIPENE MATUA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Woodville.

Takapau, 14th June, 1906.

Who is there that can be like unto our parent who has been taken from us by the strong hand of death? He it was who guided the canoe of peace and amity. Convey the sympathy of a saddened heart to Mrs. Seddon and family.

Go, O parent! leaving me here lamenting with others for you.

PURAKAU MAIKA.

Hon. J. Carroll, Woodville.

Takapau, 14 Hune, 1906.

Ko wai hei rite ki to tatou matua kua riro nei i te ringa kaha o aitua, hei hautu i te waka o te maungarongo, o te rangimarie; hoatu te ngakau mamae me te pouri ki te whanau o Te Hetana, haere ra e te matua, waiho au i muri nei tangi tahi ai.

PURAKAU MAIKA.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

Greytown North, 18th June, 1906.

GREETING to you in our love for our parent who has now passed away to Po (the place of departed spirits). O sir! this is an appeal from the remnant of Wairarapa to you to set apart a time on Wednesday to enable us to see the Premier. Telegraph.

NINIWA and
RANGITAKAIWAHO.

Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

Greytown North, 18 Hune, 1906.

TENA koe, me te aroha o to tatou matua kua riro atu ra ki te Po, e hika he inoi atu tenei na nga morehu o Wairarapa kia watea tetahi wahi o te Wenerei kia kite matou i te Pirimia, waea mai.

NINIWA me
RANGITAKAIWAHO

KAHUNGUNU TRIBE.

FRIEND,—

Wairoa, 3rd July, 1906.

Greetings to you—that is, to you and the members of the Parliament inclusive of our Minister. Greetings to you and the Hon. the Speaker. Greetings to you and our Government.

Greetings to you, the one who carried out the words of the people of this Island. Greetings to the widow and the family in the chamber of sorrow for our parent, who has passed away from us in this world, from these two races of his, may it be well with you all, the first and the last of you! May God keep you and the two races, the Maori and the Pakeha! May it, may it be well with you under King Edward the Seventh! May it be well with you! Ended are the greetings to you, the living. May it be well with you. So end the greetings to you.

A farewell message this for our parent Mr. Seddon, the Premier. Go, O sir! go to our ancestor Kahungunu, he with his many thousands will welcome you, will seat you on his throne and wrap his garment round you. When he questions you, answer your ancestor Kahungunu courteously, and he will give you of his glory, glory reflected on the two peoples you left behind you, the Maori and the Pakeha, such is his glory.

O sir! may such honour ever be yours. You may, however, then speak to your ancestor, saying, "I too was possessed with glory when I passed away from the world, from the two peoples, the Maori and the Pakeha." His answer to you will be a handshake, a grip of the hand. So it is then! Go, O Mr. Seddon! now separate from us, with your mana, your chieftainship, in the remembrance of the blessings and the comfort conferred by you on the orphan and the poor, and all the other proofs of your beneficent mana for the two races left fatherless by you. Go! Go, O sir! Go to our Queen, to Queen Victoria; she will bless you, she will be gracious to you and give you of her glory, because of benefits conferred by you on all peoples, and on this Island—that is, on the two races living in Aotea-roa. Go, O sir! go to our Lord in heaven, go to Jesus Christ; He will take you from this evil world. Go to our Lord; He will give you abiding help, which will never, never cease. Amen! Ended are the greetings for you. Though these be but weak words, these sympathetic allusions of the Ngatikahungunu, I know them to be heartfelt. Go! Go! Go! The summer sun sets. No more, maybe, will there be any warmth for the small and the great. Go, O sir!

A Lament.

Moe mai, e koro,
I roto i te whare kino, &c.,

From

KEREI TE OTATU,
PETERA WHAKAHORO,
And the Kahungunu Tribe.

Apirana Ngata, M.H.R., Eastern Maori Electoral District.

Ki a Apirana Ngata, mema o te Tai Rawhiti.

Wairoa, 3 Hurae, 1906.

E HOA, tena ra koe, ara koutou nga mema o te Paremata tae atu ki o tatau Minita, tena ra koutou, tae atu ki te Pika, tena ra koe, tae atu ki to tatau Kawanatanga, tena ra koe, te kai whakaoti o te kupu a nga iwi o te motu nei, ki te pouaru me tona whanau, tena ra koutou, i roto i te whare pouri ki to tatau matua kua wehe atu nei i a tatau i tenei ao, ara i nga iwi e rua, kia ora koutou katoa, te timatanga me te mutunga, kia ora koutou, a ma te Atua, koutou e tiaki me nga iwi e rua Maori, Pakeha, kia ora, kia ora i raro i to tatou Kingi i a Eruera te Tuawhitu, kia ora, kia ora, heoi ena kupu mihi ki a koutou, ara, ki te hunga ora, kia ora. Heoi ki a koutou.

He mihi, he poroporoaki ki to tatou matua ki a Te Hetana, Pirimia. Haere, haere, e koro, haere ki to taua tipuna ki a Kahungunu, mana koe e powhiri mai me ona mano, mano tini tangata, mana koe e whakanoho ki runga ki tona torona, mana e huhi mai tona kakahu ki runga i a koe, mana koe e patai mai, kia pai to whakahoki i te patai a to taua tupuna a Kakungunu, mana e homai tona kororia ki a koe, taua kororia mo nga iwi e rua e mahue nei i a koe, Maori, Pakeha, ko tona kororia tena, e koro kia mau enei mea i a koe, otira me ki atu ano e koe ki to tipuna, he kororia ano toku i waiho atu e au ki runga i te motu, ara, ki nga iwi e rua, Maori, Pakeha, tona whakahoki ki a koe, hariru! hariru! Heoi, haere, wehe atu e Te Hetana, me to mana, me tou rangatiratanga, me nga manaakitanga, me nga atawhai i te pani i nga rawakore, me era ahuatanga o tou mana atawhai i nga iwi ka mahue pani nei i a koe. Haere, haere, e koro, haere ki to tatou Kuini ki a Kuini Wikitoria, mana koe e manaaki, mana koe e atawhai, mana e homai te kororia ki a koe mo au atawhaitanga ki nga iwi katoa. He aha te ahua o nga iwi, kai runga tou atawhai i nga iwi katoa tae mai ki tenei motu, ara, ki nga iwi e rua e noho nei i Aotea-roa, te iti te rahi. Haere e koro, haere ki to taua Ariki i te Rangi, ki a Ihu Karaiti, mana koe e tango atu i tenei ao kino. Haere ki to taua Ariki, mana e homai te atawhaitanga roa ki a koe, kaore nei e mutu tona atawhai, ake, ake. Amine. Heoi nei nga mihi mou, ahakoa iti enei mihi mou, ki taku mahara ko te manawa tenei o nga mihi e mihia nei e Kahungunu ki runga i a koe. Haere, haere, haere, e to e te ra raumati, ka mutu pea te mahanatanga ki te iti, ki te rahi. Haere e koro, heoi nga mihi mou.

He Waiata Tangi.

Moe mai e koro i roto i te whare kino i te whare pouri,
Heuea ake ra ka he to manawa,
A ka titiro ki waho ra ki te waka hoehoe ki Wairoro ra e,
Ka puta te paraki ka pa kai to ihu e;
Nau i moe pono muri i mate ai i tukua mai ai ko te tonga hau ui,
Ko te tonga taipuru, ka puru te atua ki roto ki a koe.

Kaati noa, kaati nei nga mihi mou. Heoi kia ora, kia ora.

Na

KEREI TE OTATU,
PETERA WHAKAHORO,
Me Kahungunu te Iwi.

MESSAGES were also received from the following:—

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| 1. Heta Matua and another, Porangahau. | 6. Ngamana Tupaea, Whakatane. |
| 2. Hori te Huki, Hastings. | 7. Rangipuawhe, Whakarewarewa. |
| 3. Mohi Turei, Rangitukia. | 8. Pirimi, Ohinemutu. |
| 4. Pine Tuhaka, Port Awanui. | 9. Maggie Papakura and Mita Taupopoki,
Whakarewarewa. |
| 5. A. Tamihere, Tuparoa. | |

SOUTHERN MAORI ELECTORATE.

MR. T. PARATA, M.H.R.

(Telegram.)

Hon. J. Carroll, Gisborne.

Colac Bay, 13th June, 1906.

I REGRET, with you all, the loss of our great chief. Would like to know what arrangements have been made for funeral and where it will take place.

PARATA.

ARAPAWA MAORI COUNCIL DISTRICT.

(Telegram.)

Hon. James Carroll, Gisborne.

Spring Creek, Blenheim, 12th June, 1906.

THE MAORIS of the Arapawa Maori Council District wish to express their regret at the death of their friend the Premier, and wish you, as their representative, to convey their sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family.

H. R. PUKEKOHATU.

TAIERI NATIVES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Mr. Carroll, Wellington.

Henley, 18th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon, on behalf of the Natives of the Taieri, our sincere regret at the loss of our Premier, and also convey to her our heartfelt sympathy and condolence at sad bereavement and loss to her and family.

JOHN CONNOR, Native Assessor.

(Telegram.)

Hon. James Carroll, Auckland.

Little River, 12th June, 1906.

A SYMPATHETIC greeting on the death of our parent who has now been separated from us. Go, O sir! go, go. May our Father have you in his safe keeping! May it be well with you, O sir!

TEOTI RAPATINI.

Ki a Timi Kara, Auckland.

Little River, 12 Hune, 1906.

HE mihi atu tenei ki te mate o to tatou matua kua wehe atu i a tatau. Haere e koro, haere, haere, ma to tatou Matua koe e awhina. Kia ora e Kara.

TEOTI RAPATINI.

WHANGANUI NATIVES.

SIR,—

Otautahi (Christchurch), 19th June, 1906.

THIS is a message of condolence, of lamentation, and of love from us the hapus of Whanganui (for the present) residing here in the South Island, because of our Premier who has departed from this world of death and misfortune to the world of light.

Depart, O Premier! Depart, O sire! Go the road of chiefs. Go, O thou who wast the protector of the Maori people!

Depart! follow the footsteps of your rangatira friend and colleague, Mr. Ballance. You, the two men who had consideration for your Maori people.

Depart with the blessings of the world, together with your grand and unique chieftainship.

Depart, follow after our true mother, Queen Victoria, the great mother of the nations of the earth.

Depart, O father! the great red-bird that sang so joyously to all. The bright star. The dawn of day.

[Here follows a lament in verse.]

Now a part of sorrow turns towards Mrs. Seddon and her family, the widowed and orphaned ones of the deceased.

Greetings to thee, O mother! the representative of your handsome lord, the father of your children, who has gone from this world to the other world. We the people of Whanganui, resident in this South Island, speak out of the greatness of our love for our gracious father. Though he is dead yet he will again live. In the words of the proverb of our ancestors, "A chief dies, a chief survives."

Sufficient. Kia ora.

TE TURERE POUTAMA.

Hon. J. Carroll, Wellington.

And others.

Otautahi, 19 Hune, 1906.

HE mihi, he tangi, he aroha atu tenei na matou na nga hapu o Whanganui, e noho atu nei i tenei motu i te Wai-pounamu, mo to tatou Pirimia, kua wehe atu i tenei ao matemate ki te ao marama.

Haere atu ra e te Pirimia, haere atu e koro, haere atu i te huarahi rangatira, haere te tangata manaaki ki te iwi Maori.

Haere, e whai i muri i nga tapuae o tou hoa rangatira i a Te Paranihi. Nga tangata i whai koha ki to korua iwi Maori.

Haere i runga i nga manaakitanga o te ao me tou rangatiratanga ataahua.

Haere atu e whai i muri i to tatou whaea pono i a Kuini Wikitoria, te whaea nui o nga iwi o te ao.

Haere ra e pa te manu pukakanui, ara te manu tangi pai i te tikaakaatanga o te ra, te whetu marama, te takiritanga o te ata.

He Tangi.

Takoto rawa iho te au ko te moe himene tonu ake.
Kai whea a te Pirimia i rangi ai tei tii nga koi tamariki ana.
Tera ka taha ki roto o Poneke,
Kai te whakaapuapu,
Kai te whakaaraara i nga pou tahuu o te Paremata.
Kia tika e pa to inoi ngakau e i ara mohou
Kia tika to haere ki runga o Kenana, ki Hiruharama ra,
Kai hoki mai te manaako ki muri ki te wahine ka ponaru nei i.

Tenei ka hoki ake tetahi pito o te ngakau tangi ki a Mrs. Seddon me tana whanau, nga pouaru o te tangata mate.

Tena ra koe e whai, te ahuatanga o tou rangatira atahua, te matua o ou tamariki, kua wehe atu nei i tenei ao ki tera ao. He nui no te aroha o matou o nga tangata o Whanganui e noho atu nei i tenei motu ki to tatou matua atawhai, ahakoa ia kua mate, a e ora ano ia, e ai te kupu whakatauki a o matou tupuna: "Ka mate he tete kura, ka ora he tete kura."

Heoi ra. Kia ora.

TE TURERE POUTAMA.

MAEHE RANGINUI.

RENETI TE KAPONGA.

POKIHA PINE.

RATANA RANGITAHUA.

REWI RENETI.

KAIWHARE KIRIONA.

TUKA PENE.

WINETI NOPERA.

KARIPA.

PITA HARIHONA.

KAPO NGATOA.

WHIO HARIHONA.

ADDRESS FROM MAORI TRIBES OF NEW ZEALAND.

TO MRS. SEDDON.

In Memory of

RICHARD JOHN SEDDON,

Premier of New Zealand.

From the Maori Tribes of Aotea-roa (North Island) and Te Wai-pounamu (South Island).

REMAIN, O Mother, with thy children and thy children's children! Tarry ye a while in the house of mourning, in the chamber of Death. Clasp but the cold form of him who was to thee husband beloved. He is now from thee parted, gone into the Dark Night, into that long, long sleep. God be with thee in thine hour of trial.

Here he lies in the calm majesty of death.

Rest, O Father! The tribes have assembled to mourn their loss. Alas! the canoe is cast from its moorings, its energy and guide no more. The red-hued Kaka-kura, the ornament of Aotea-roa, the proud boast of the Wai-pounamu, the mighty heart of the land, the moving spirit of the people—fare thee well! a long farewell! Pass on, O noble one! across the lone sands of Haumu, beyond the barrier of Paerau—going before to join the illustrious dead. Woe unto us that are left desolate in the valley of sorrow.

In life thou wert great. Across the Great Ocean of Kiwa, beset by the turbulent waves of faction, 'mid the perverse winds of opinion, thou didst essay forth that thy peoples should reap of benefits, that these islands and thy mother race should see and do their duty in the broader spheres of Empire and humanity. Fate, relentless, seized thee in the mid-ocean of effort, and compelled thee into the still waters of death to rest.

Sleep thou, O Father! resting on great deeds done; sure that to generations unborn they will be as beacons along the highways of history. Though thou art gone, may thy spirit, which so long moved the heart of things, inspire us to greater, nobler ends!

Stay not your lamentations, O ye peoples! for ye have indeed lost a father. Varily our Pa of refuge is razed to the ground. The breastwork of defence for great and small is taken. Torn up by the roots is the overshadowing Rata-tree. As the fall of the towering totara in the Deep Forest of Tane, so is the death of a mighty man: Earth quakes to the rending crash. Our shelter gone—who will temper the wind? What of thy Maori people hereafter unless thou canst from thy distant bourne help inspire the age to kindlier impulse and action?

So bide ye in your grief, bereaved ones. Though small our tribute, our hearts have spoken. Our feet have trod the sacred precincts of the courtyard of Death. Our hearts will be his grave. Love will keep his memory green through the long weary years.

FAREWELL.

(Signed by the Hon. J. Carroll, the Maori members of the House of Representatives, and 136 chiefs and chieftainesses of the Maori tribes.)

(HAERE KI PAERAU! KI ERA TINI I TE PO!)

He mihi poroporoaki mo te matenga o

RIHARI HONE HETANA,

Pirimia o Niu Tireni,

Na nga Iwi Maori o Aotea-roa o te Wai-pounamu.

NOHO mai e Whae, koutou ko to whanau, koutou nga morehu, koutou te kirimate, noho mai i roto i te whare pouri, i te whare mate. E tangi ki to koutou mate! Awhi mataotao i a ia ka wehe na ia koutou, kua riro ki te po, kua moe i te moenga roa.

Ina ra ia e takoto mai nei! Takoto mai e koro kia tangihia koe e ou iwi. Aue! Ka maunu te punga here o te waka nei. Ka ngaro koe te Kai-hautu. Te Kaka-kura o roto i te pokai, te puhi o Aotea-roa, te kura whakahirahira, o te Wai-pounamu, te mauri o te whenua, te mauri o te tangata, haere! haere ra! Haere atu e Pa! haere ki Paerau, takahia atu te one ki Haumu, hoatu ki era tini i te po! Waiho te iwi mana e mae noa!

Moe mai e Pa i runga i te atamira. Whakata i to mauui. I kauria e koe te moana-nui-a-Kiwa, i roto i nga ngaru tuatea, i nga hau pukeri nui, e ngana ana ki nga iwi, ki nga moutere nei, ki to matua-iwi i tawahi kia kite, kia mahi i te tika. Na aitua koe i kapo ki waenga moana, ina e tau nei to waka i te aio. Takoto i runga i o mahi ka paenga, waiho ake era hei pou whakamaharatanga ki nga uri whakatupu. Ahakoa ngaro i to tinana, e mau ana i to wairua kaha kua paoho i runga i nga tikanga, ka noho ora i roto whakakorikori-ai.

E te iwi, whakaarahia to tangi taukuri mo te matua ka ngaro. Te pa whakaora kua tahuri! te parepare o te iti o te rahi kua taupokina! te Rata whakamarumarua kua whati! He hinganga totara i te wao-nui-a-Tane he matenga tino tangata; ngarue ana te whenua. Te whakaruru hau o te iwi, ko wai ra hei mau i to iwi Maori i muri nei? E Pa i te po, kia mau mai te mahara!

Kaati ra e Whae! Hei konei koutou ko to whanau, i te mea kua turia te marae o aitua. Ko o tatou ngakau hei urupa mona, ma te aroha e tiaki i roto i nga tau maha.

HEI KONEI RA!

(I hainatia e Timi Kara, e nga mema Maori o te Paremata, me nga rangatira tane, wahine, 136, o nga Motu e rua.)

A TANGI.

[CHANTED BY THE HON. J. CARROLL AT THE MAORI CEREMONY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATE PREMIER'S FUNERAL.]

By day what thoughts of thee arise!
But thou 'rt vanished in the night of Death.
Naught is left my heart to cherish
But fond longings—fond and vain.
Far, far away thy form has taken flight.
Far, far thou 'rt severed from my side,
And spirit-voices breathe thy name.
Here in this lonely world
I sit with drooping head,
And mourn with the sighing wind.

No te ao te hua ra tanga
Riro ki te Po.
Waiho noa hei tumanako
Ma te ngakau.
Kei tawhiti to hou tinana.
Kei te reo o tuku
Tenei au e noho ana,
I te pouritanga
Mapu kau noa atu i konei
Au koha hau raro i.

TANGI CHANTED BY WI PERE, ESQ., EX-M.H.

Farewell, O Friend !
 Depart to thine ancestral company.
 Thou 'rt plucked from us
 As the flax-shoot is plucked from the bush
 And held aloft among the mourners.
 Thou that wert our boast, our pride,
 Whose name has soared on high,
 Thy people now are alone and desolate.

Indeed thou 'rt gone, O Friend !
 Thou 'rt vanished like our ocean-fleet of old—
 The famed canoes, Atamira, Hotutaihirangi,
 Taiopuapua, Te Raro-tua-maheni,
 Te Araiteuru, and Nuku-tai-memeha,
 The canoe that drew up from the sea
 This solid land.

Haere ra, e Koro ! koutou ko matua.
 Unuhiā i te rito o te harakeke
 Ka tu i te aroakapa.
 Aku nui, aku wehi,
 Aku whakatamarahi ki te rangi.
 Waiho te iwi mana e mae noa.

Kia mate ia nei koe, e Koro !
 Ko Atamira te waka, ko Hotutaihirangi,
 Ko Taiopuapua, ko Te Raro-tua-maheni,
 Ko Araiteuru, ko Nuku-tai-memeha,
 Ko te waka i hiia ai
 Te whenua nui nei—e !

TANGI CHANTED BY EAST COAST NATIVES.

Affliction's deepest gloom
 Enwraps this house,
 For in it Seddon lies
 Whose death eats out our hearts.
 'Twas he to whom we closest clung
 In days gone by.

O whispering north-west breeze,
 Blow fair for me,
 Wait me to Poneke,
 And take me to the friend I loved
 In days gone by.

O peoples all and tribes !
 Raise the loud cry of grief,
 For the Ship of Fate has passed
 Port Jackson's distant cape,
 And on the all-destroying sea
 Our great one died.

Marumaru rawa mai te whare ki Poneke,
 Kei roto mai Hetana,
 Kai ora i ahau,
 I te wa, e Koro, koi piri tahi ana na—a !

Te pa noa mai he whakarua te hau,
 Hei kawē i ahau tu ana i Poneke—e !
 I te wa ki taku hoa e aroha nei-au-ne !

Whakaarahia e nga iwi katoa te tangi taukiri—e !
 Ka hangai ki te rae kei Poihakena,
 Ki te au huri waka
 E mate nei te tangata na !

TANGI CHANTED BY TIMOTI WHIUA (SOUTH ISLAND).

Keen blows the north-west wind,
 Wind from the Mountain-land,
 Bringing sad thoughts of thee.
 Where, O Hetana ! art thou gone ?
 Perhaps in Council-hall thou 'rt laid,
 To await thy people's coming.
 Yes, there lies thy mortal shell,
 Resting at last
 From its many, from its innumerable travels,
 From its ceaseless goings to and fro.
 Yes, thou return'st to thy people
 Round yonder mountain-cape,
 Back to thy dwelling-place—
 Rest from thy travels !

O well-beloved one,
 Sharp pangs dart through my soul.
 O lordly totara-tree,
 The pride of Tane's woods,
 Thou 'rt lowly laid.
 As was the canoe of Rata,
 The son of Tane launched
 For vengeance on the slayer Matuku,
 Who soon himself was slain.

'Twas thou alone that Death didst pluck
 From the midst of living men,
 And now thou stand'st alone
 Like the bright star of morning ;
 For us naught but sad memories.
 Sleep soundly, Friend !

Pu ma uru
 E riringi mai nei-i-e !
 Pu-tuwhenua e kokoto mai nei-i-e !
 Keiwhea Hetana ?
 Ka waia nei te Karonga-a-i-e !
 Ki te Paremata pea,
 E tatari ana mai-i-e !
 Kei ona haerenga tini,
 Kei ona haerenga mano
 Kei nga whaputanga rae-e !
 Tenei koe ka hoki mai-i-e !

Naku hoki koe koi whaka-kai-nui-e !
 Te Pua-o-Tane,
 Ka tukuna ki raro ra-e !
 Te waka-o-Rata,
 Ka mate ko Matuku-e !

Ko koe anake i unuhia noatia-e !
 Te kapa ka tika ki waho
 Te kotau-ue !
 Te whetu o te ata,
 Ka mahara ai au-ue !
 E moe pai koe
 Waiho ma kino-e !
 Nga makau-e !

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