Mr. W. McLean to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)
DEEPLY sympathize colony's loss.

Sydney, 28th April, 1893.

Mr. J. G. Wilson to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Bull's, 28th April, 1893.

Please convey to Mrs. Ballance the expression of my sincerest condolence in the great loss she has sustained, mitigated, I hope, by thought of the great sympathy of all New Zealand.

Mr. HALL-Jones to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Timaru, 28th April, 1893.

Deeply grieved to hear of the death of our chief. Kindly convey to Mrs. Ballance my heartfelt sympathy in the loss she has sustained. I am sorry that there is no boat leaving Lyttelton in time to permit of my following him to his last resting-place.

Mr. H. S. VALENTINE to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Many thanks for message, but regret exceedingly to hear sad news of Premier's death. Pray convey my sincere sympathy to Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. E. G. Wright to the Hon. R. J. Seddon.

(Telegram.) Christchurch, 28th April, 1893. I am extremely sorry for the untimely death of Mr. Ballance.

Mr. W. C. SMITH to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Waipukurau, 28th April, 1893. WE were all very sorry indeed to hear the sad news. Mrs. Smith and myself desire to express our deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement. The whole colony has truly suffered a very great loss.

Mr. A. Knocks to the Hon. R. J. Seddon.

(Telegram.)

Otaki, 28th April, 1893.

I have been requested by Mr. Taipua and his friends to say, in reply to your telegram, Maoris here are very sorry indeed to hear of Mr. Ballance's death. They sympathize with all his friends. They also, as a mark of respect, offer services of Maori band at funeral. Kindly reply.

## CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

Mr. K. Ramsay, President, Dunedin Chamber of Commerce, to Mrs. Ballance.
(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 29th April, 1893.

Have learned with deep regret of your great loss. Pray accept the sincere and respectful sympathy of the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce.

The Secretary, Christchurch Chamber of Commerce, to Mrs. Ballance.

(Telegram.) Christchurch, 28th April, 1893.
The President and committee of the Canterbury Chamber of Commerce desire to express their sincere sympathy with you under your recent bereavement.

The Secretary and President, Wellington Chamber of Commerce, to Mrs. Ballance.

MADAM,— Wellington, 28th April, 1893.

I am requested to inform you that at a special meeting of the Council of this Chamber, held to-day, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, "That this Council deeply regrets the death of the Hon. John Ballance, Premier of the colony, recognises the earnestness and sincerity of purpose which characterized him, and deplores the loss of so prominent a statesman."

The Council tenders to Mrs. Ballance its sympathy in her great loss, and directs that a copy of

this resolution be forwarded to her. I have, &c.,

D. T. STUART, President.

Mrs. Ballance.

S. CARROLL, Secretary.

Mr. A. Porter, Chairman, Auckland Chamber of Commerce, to the Hon. R. J. Seddon.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 28th April, 1893.

Chamber sincerely condole with you in the loss you have sustained by death of your colleague—

Hon. J. Ballance. The colony can ill afford to lose such men at present time.

The CHAIRMAN, Wanganui Chamber of Commerce, to Mrs. Ballance.

Dear Madam,—

I am directed by the members of the Chamber of Commerce to forward you copy of a resolution passed at their meeting. Mr. Bell moved, "That a record be made in the Chamber's minutes expressing sincere regret at the death of the late Mr. Ballance, and the great loss the