

I need only add that you may rest assured that one and all in this district deeply regret the trouble which has fallen upon you, and ask you to accept their sincere condolence. We can only hope that time will soften the heavy blow, and that the deep sympathy of us all may, in some small measure, comfort you in your trouble.

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

E. C. HORNER, County Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN, Ashburton County Council, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Ashburton, 6th May, 1893.

I have the honour to forward you a copy of a resolution passed last meeting of this Council; and I desire, on behalf of the Council, to express its deep sympathy with you in the irreparable loss which you have sustained: "This Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the public services of the late Mr. Ballance, Premier of the colony, and that a letter expressing the sympathy of the Council be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

W. C. WALKER, Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN, Rangitikei County Council, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Marton, 5th May, 1893.

I have the honour herewith to enclose copy of a resolution passed by the Rangitikei County Council at yesterday's meeting.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Tinakori Road, Wellington.

J. W. MARSHALL, Chairman.

(Copy of Resolution.)

"THAT this Council desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement, and to acknowledge its appreciation of the long public services of the late Premier."

HAROLD H. RICHARDSON, County Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Waikouaiti, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Waikouaiti, 29th April, 1893.

I have the honour to forward to you a copy of a resolution passed by this Council at a meeting held on the 28th instant: "That this Council place on record its sincere regret at the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, and that a letter of condolence and sympathy be sent to Mrs. Ballance."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. John Ballance, Wellington.

J. SMITH, County Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN, Wanganui County Council, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MRS. BALLANCE,—

Wanganui, 27th May, 1893.

I am desired by the members of the Wanganui County Council to convey to you their deepest sympathy in your great bereavement and loss. Mr. Ballance's death is a calamity to the colony generally; but here in Wanganui, where we had the honour of his personal acquaintance, and know how much he had the interests of the district at heart, his loss will be felt most keenly, and his memory long cherished in the hearts of his friends.

Assuring you, madam, of the heartfelt sympathy of this Council,

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

ALEXANDER HIGGIE, Chairman.

Mr. J. M. McKAY, County Chairman, Whangarei, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

6th May, 1893.

KINDLY convey sympathies of Whangarei County Council to Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement.

The COUNTY CLERK, Wallace, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Riverton, 23rd May, 1893.

I beg to forward copy of resolution passed by the Wallace County Council at its last meeting, viz: "That this Council desires to express its sympathy and condolence with the family of the late Hon. Mr. Ballance in their present bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

JAS. FULLARTON, County Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Stratford, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Stratford, 24th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council, to forward you copy of a resolution passed at the monthly meeting: "That this Council expresses its sense of the great loss sustained by the country through the death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, and its deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

W. G. MALONE, Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Bruce, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Milton, 9th May, 1893.

By direction of the Bruce County Council, I have the honour to forward you the following resolution, which was passed at the last meeting of the Council: "That this Council desires to place