on record its deep regret at the lamentable death of the late Premier, Hon. John Ballance, and that the Chairman be requested to convey to Mrs. Ballance their deep condolences and heartfelt sympathy with her in her sad bereavement." I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington. ALEX. NELSON, County Clerk.

Mr. E. EDWARDS, Chairman, Ohinemuri County Council, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Paeroa, 29th April, 1893.

THE Ohinemuri County Council offers its sincere sympathy to the Ministry in its recent irreparable loss.

Mr. A. R. H. SWINDLEY, County Chairman, Coromandel, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Coromandel, 3rd May, 1893.

THIS Council, now sitting, desires to express to Her Majesty's Ministers their great and sincere sympathy in theirs and our country's heavy loss by the decease of our late Premier.

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

DEAR MADAM,— Wanganui, 1st May, 1893.

The Waitotara County Council, on behalf of the settlers in the Waitotara County, desire to express their deepest sympathy with you in the great loss you have sustained by the death of your husband, the Hon. John Ballance, late member for Wanganui, and Premier of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ellen Ballance, Wellington. JAMES LAIRD, Chairman.

The COUNTY CLERK, Akaroa, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,— Duvauchelle's Bay, 1st May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Akaroa County Council, to forward the copy of a resolution for presentation to Mrs. Ballance, and which was passed at a meeting of Council on the 29th ultimo. I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington. W. H. BRISTOW, County Clerk.

Resolution.—"That this Council has received with the deepest regret the news of the death of the Hon. J. Ballance, Premier of the colony, and desires to express its sincere sympathy with his widow in her bereavement."

The COUNTY CLERK, Raglan, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,— Raglan, 31st May, 1893.

I have the honour to inform you that the Council have instructed me to write you expressing their sincere and heartfelt regret and sympathy for you at the untimely death of your beloved husband, the late Hon. J. Ballance, and join with you in condoling over the great loss sustained by yourself and the country which he loved and strove to prosper.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington. W. T. CONRADI, County Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Bay of Islands, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,— Kawakawa, 11th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by the instructions of this Council, to transmit to you the following resolution passed unanimously at the last meeting, on the 8th instant: "That the Clerk convey to Mrs. Ballance the heartfelt sympathy of this Council in the loss she has sustained by the death of her husband, the late Premier of this colony, and pray that she may be strengthened to bear that loss. I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui. J. W. WILLIAMS, County Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Geraldine, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,— Timaru, 12th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of this Council, to convey their deep-felt sympathy with you in your bereavement, and beg to hand you copy of a resolution passed by the Council at their meeting held yesterday: "That this Council deeply regret the loss the colony has sustained through the death of the Hon. John Ballance, to whose administration the colony is largely indebted for the present satisfactory condition of the finance. That the above be entered on the minutes of the Council, and a copy of the same be sent to Mrs. Ballance, together with an assurance of this Council's sympathy with her in her bereavement." I have &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui. F. W. STUBBS, Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Taieri to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,— Mosgiel, Otago, 15th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the County Council, to forward you the following resolution passed at last meeting of the Council:—

"Moved by the Chairman (Mr. W. Snow), seconded by Councillor Bunting, and carried unanimously, "That this Council place on record its deep sense of regret at the loss sustained by the colony by the death of the Hon. John Ballance, and that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance, expressing the sympathy of the Council with her in the great calamity that has befallen her."