

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."

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

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 underwritten resolution passed at a meeting held to-day.

Permit me also to tender my personal sympathy on the irreparable loss you have sustained.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

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."

KAPOKONUI 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.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

E. W. BARLEYMAN, Secretary.