

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.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

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."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

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.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

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."

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

ADA WELLS, Hon. Secretary.