

Right Hon. R. J. Seddon : " That this committee expresses its extreme regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and conveys its condolence to the Premier and the members of the Ministry over the loss the colony and the nation has sustained. It also extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their bereavement."

The members will be pleased if you will be good enough to convey the foregoing expression to Mrs. Seddon.

I have, &c.,

JOS. SMITH, President.

THOS. McDONALD, Secretary.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

SOUTHLAND METROPOLITAN AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Invercargill, 19th June, 1906.

THE directors of the Southland Metropolitan Agricultural and Pastoral Association tender their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in the very sad circumstances of their sudden bereavement, and in doing so desire to express the universal feeling of sorrow of the country residents of Southland at the loss sustained by the country through the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

R. A. ANDERSON, President.

WAIKATO CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Premier, Wellington.

Cambridge, 15th June, 1906.

WAIKATO Central Agricultural Association desires to express regret at great loss sustained by the colony and Ministry in demise of the late Premier. Please convey condolences of committee to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sudden bereavement.

JOHN FISHER, President.

WEST COAST AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Greymouth, 20th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deepest sympathy of the West Coast Agricultural Association in sad loss of our great statesman and Premier.

F. W. KEDDELL, Secretary.

WEST COAST BANDS' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Greymouth, 20th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the West Coast Bands' Association, kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their sincerest sympathy in the great loss of our Patron and friend the late Premier.

F. W. KEDDELL, Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH BURGESSES' ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.

Christchurch, 16th June, 1906.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the Christchurch Burgesses' Association has forwarded by telegraph the following resolution to Mrs. Seddon, and has appointed its President (Dr. C. J. Russell) to represent the association at the funeral of the late Premier, if the obsequies are conducted at Wellington. Resolution : " The Christchurch Burgesses' Association desires to record its heartfelt sympathy for Mrs. Seddon and family in this their hour of deep distress caused by the sudden and unexpected death of the late Premier. At the same time the association feels sure that the sorrow of the nation and the relatives of the late Liberal leader will be somewhat assuaged by the knowledge that the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon had lived to complete a work whose magnitude and far-reaching beneficial effects has seldom fallen to the lot of any statesman."

CHARLES JAMES RUSSELL, M.D.

NEW ZEALAND CHESS ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 20th June, 1906.

The council of the New Zealand Chess Association desires me to convey, through you, its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sad bereavement; and the council further desires to extend its sympathy to our late Premier's colleagues on the loss of so great and universally beloved a leader.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

C. W. TANNER, Hon. Secretary.

MERCHANT SERVICE GUILD OF AUSTRALASIA.

SIR,—

Quick's Buildings, Featherston Street, Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Merchant Service Guild of Australasia, held this day, a resolution was passed expressing profound sorrow for and sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and members of her family in their sad bereavement.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.

DAVID J. WILSON, Secretary.