

NO. 5 CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING SOCIETY, WELLINGTON.

DEAR SIR,—

1A Grey Street, Wellington, 15th June, 1906.

I am directed by the board of directors of the above society to forward to you the enclosed resolution, which I respectfully ask you to pass on to Mrs. Seddon.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

I am, &c.,

JOHN CREWES, Secretary.

(Copy of Resolution.)

“That we, the board of directors of the No. 5 Co-operative Building Society of Wellington, being representatives of a considerable number of persons who by industry and thrift are providing homes for themselves and their families, record our admiration of the motives that ever actuated the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, to encourage the people of New Zealand to strive to attain such objects as we are trying to promote, and our deep sorrow at his sudden death; that a copy of this resolution be sent by our Chairman and Secretary to the Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, and that he be asked to forward it to Mrs. Seddon and her family with the assurance that we heartily condole with them in their sad bereavement.”

OAMARU CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

SIR,—

Oamaru, 24th July, 1906.

I am directed by the Oamaru Caledonian Society to convey to you the attached resolution, passed by the directors at a meeting held last night, as follows: “That at this the first meeting of the directors of the Oamaru Caledonian Society since the sad event, the directors place on record their sense of loss to New Zealand caused by the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desire to express their sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.”

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. L. RULE, Secretary.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF OTAGO.

DEAR SIR,—

Dunedin, 15th June, 1906.

On behalf of the directors and members of the Caledonian Society of Otago, we desire to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy with her in her sad bereavement.

We are a non-political organization; but as a society which has among its objects the inculcation of the love of country and all its associations, we have in common with the whole of New Zealand admired the strong Imperialism of Mr. Seddon—not an aggressive Imperialism, but one which sought to bind the nation, whether Saxon or Celt, in one common brotherhood, standing shoulder to shoulder for the peace of the world and the betterment of humanity.

We deeply deplore his sad and tragic death, and our hearts go out to those who are left to mourn his loss.

We are, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

R. MACKENZIE, President.

WM. REID, Secretary.

POVERTY BAY CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Gisborne, 13th June, 1906.

THE Poverty Bay Caledonian Society extends to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy in this the hour of their terrible affliction in the loss of a loving husband and dutiful father, and may the Almighty solace them. We say he was a “people’s man,” unselfish, never deviating from the strict path of duty, and in all his pursuits he always had his people and Empire in view. We feel no monument will ever be needed to remind us and keep his memory green. His good works shall ever remain implanted in our breasts.

CECIL F. LEWIS, Hon. Secretary.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF SOUTHLAND.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Invercargill, 15th June, 1906.

THE Caledonian Society of Southland express their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement.

J. MACGREGOR, President.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS (CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH).

SIR,—

Christchurch, 19th June, 1906.

I am directed by my branch to ask if you will kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the profound sorrow and regret of the members of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers in Christchurch at the sudden death of our friend the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to express our heartfelt sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

Our members deeply regret the loss of one who was ever ready to lend a helping-hand to anything that was for the good of the colony, and we feel that the Empire has lost one of her worthiest sons.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Acting-Premier.

HY. OUBRIDGE, Secretary.