

AUSTRALIAN MISCELLANEOUS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

NEW-ZEALANDERS IN SYDNEY.

SIR,—

New Zealand Chambers, 259 George Street, Sydney, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that a meeting of New-Zealanders was held in the offices of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited), in this city, on the 13th instant, for the purpose of expressing condolence with the widow and family of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and sympathy with the Government and people of New Zealand in the great sorrow that has befallen them; and I now beg to forward herewith minutes of the proceedings:—

Proposed by Mr. F. W. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. W. A. Gibb, "That we, New-Zealanders in Sydney, desire to place on permanent record—(1) Our sense of deep personal loss by the death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon; (2) our profound sorrow for and sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family in their inexpressibly sad bereavement; (3) our desire to unite with the rulers and people of New Zealand in mourning the great-hearted Premier, to whom the love of home, country, and Empire was a consuming passion; (4) our thankfulness for the opportunity so recently vouchsafed to us of affectionate intercourse with our late friend, his dear wife, and those members of his family who accompanied him on his triumphal visit to our adopted country."

Proposed by Mr. C. B. Pike, and seconded by Mr. W. Tyree, "That copies of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded by letter to Mrs. Seddon and family, and the Acting-Premier of New Zealand."

Proposed by Mr. E. D. Hoben, and seconded by Mr. J. T. Shaw, "That the following cable message be transmitted to Mrs. Seddon: 'New-Zealanders in Sydney desire to express to you and the members of your family their heartfelt sorrow for the loss of your beloved husband, and their deepest sympathy with you all in your affliction.'"

Proposed by Mr. J. C. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. Nolan, "That Mr. W. A. Kennedy, Manager of Union Steamship Company, Wellington, be asked by cable to represent New-Zealanders in Sydney at the funeral of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to purchase a wreath to be placed on the grave, the wording to be as follows: 'With loving sympathy from New-Zealanders in Sydney.'"

Proposed by Mr. W. A. Gibb, and seconded by Mr. J. C. Edwards, "That the resolutions be engrossed, and left in the office of the Union Steamship Company for signature."

In connection with the above, I desire to say that the memorial now in course of signature will be transmitted by an early opportunity.

I have, &c.,

The Acting Prime Minister of New Zealand.

F. W. JACKSON, Chairman of meeting.

MOURNING IN SYDNEY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Sydney, 21st June, 1906.

VERY impressive memorial service St. Andrew's Episcopalian Cathedral noon. Interior draped with black, royal purple, and flags. Large congregation, including Governor-General Lord Northcote, Excellency Sir Harry Rawson, Lord Mayor, General Gordon and staff, military, also naval officers, representative Minister politicians, leading citizens, many New-Zealanders, large number ladies, most of whom wore mourning. Funeral bells tolled anthem, "Crossing the Bar." British, French, German mail-boats, all other shipping, and city flags half-mast.

SYDNEY CHAMBER COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

Sydney, 11th June, 1906.

SYDNEY Chamber Commerce deeply sympathize with people New Zealand on sudden decease Right Hon. Richard Seddon.

MERIVALE, Acting-President.

NEWCASTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Newcastle, 11th June, 1906.

NEWCASTLE Chamber of Commerce deeply sympathize with New Zealand in its national loss by death of Premier.

J. M. HYDE, President.

NEWCASTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,—

18th June, 1906.

In furtherance of my cablegram of the 11th instant, I have now the honour to inform you that at the meeting of my council on the 15th instant the following resolution was carried: "That this Chamber places on record its sense of the deep regret at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and begs to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family and the people of New Zealand its sincere sympathy with them in the loss of so eminent a statesman and so loyal and patriotic a son of the Empire."

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. HYDE, President.