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COUNCIL OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY UNION.

(Telegram.) William Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Sydney, 12th June, 1906. Council of New South Wales Rugby Union, recognising the interest taken in all sports, and especially Rugby football, by the late Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, P.C., Premier of New Zealand, desires to place on record the great loss sustained by Australasia by his sudden and untimely death; and with great respect offers its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family.

HOLDEN, Secretary.

Australian Natives' Association, Sydney.

(Telegram.) Acting-Premier, Wellington. Join expressions sympathy.

Sydney, 13th June, 1906.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION.

JOURNEYMEN FARRIERS' UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

SIR,-Trades Hall, Goulburn Street, Sydney, 21st June, 1906. I am instructed by the members of the above union to express, through you, their sorrow for the loss sustained by Mrs. Seddon and family by the death of the Hon. R. Seddon, who was held in great esteem by the members of the union; and also to express our sorrow for the loss New Zealand has sustained by the death of one held in such high esteem.

With every kind wish for Mrs. Seddon and family,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

I am, &c., JAMES DEERY, Secretary.

SYDNEY WHARF LABOURERS' UNION.

Erskine Street, 14th June, 1906.

At a special meeting of the above, held at Church Hill, Sydney, it was unanimously decided by the members present, standing with heads uncovered, "That a message of condolence and profound sympathy be forwarded, through you, to Mrs. R. Seddon, widow of your late Premier, at the loss of her partner in life, and also to yourself and colleagues in Parliament at the loss which has befallen New Zealand and Australasia generally."

We also realise the irreparable loss sustained by the working-classes generally, and those depending on them, throughout the Commonwealth and New Zealand; and hope that the work begun by him will fall upon the shoulders of some Minister who is worthy of the same, and whose object will be the ameliorating of the conditions of the working-classes and the classes who, through no fault of their own, are not able to work-I mean the aged poor. I have, &c.,

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

SYDNEY HARRISON, J.P., Secretary.

HAIRDRESSERS' AND WIGMAKERS' EMPLOYEES' UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Trades Hall, Goulburn Street, Sydney, 15th June, 1906. DEAR SIR,-

On behalf of the Hairdressers' and Wigmakers' Employees' Union, I have been directed to convey to you the sympathy of the members of this organization in the loss suffered by New Zealand through the death of the late Mr. R. J. Seddon. We appreciate the good work accomplished by the late Mr. Seddon on behalf of the working-classes of New Zealand, and also in the interests of humanity generally.

We would be pleased if you would convey to the relatives of the late Premier our heartfelt sym-

pathy and regret in their loss.

Thanking you in anticipation.
The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

T. W. Kelsey, Secretary.

THE MEMBERS OF ST. SILA'S Y.M. INSTITUTE.

Waterloo, New South Wales, 14th June, 1906. DEAR SIR,-The members of the above institute wish to convey their sincere sympathy to the wife and family of Mr. Seddon in their late sad bereavement. Also to the people of New Zealand for the irreparable loss of their great leader, statesman, and patriot.

We are, &c.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

F. H. PICKARD, Hon. Secretary.

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