

far-seeing appreciation of the privileges, responsibilities, of the Empire, in which he so earnestly desired New Zealand should take her appropriate place." After dwelling upon Mr. Seddon's public achievements, Mr. Chamberlain thus concludes, "The Empire has lost one of its noblest citizens, and New Zealand a great administrator, while in our personal capacity Mrs. Chamberlain and I sincerely deplore death of one whom we were proud to number among our friends. Beg you accept assurances of our most heartfelt sympathy with his family and with the colony which he served so well."

W. P. REEVES.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 16th June, 1906.

SYDNEY BURTON, Postmaster-General, wrote to me expressing very deep regret. Considers Mr. Seddon great loss to Empire as well as New Zealand. All Englishmen expressing appreciation of his sterling qualities.

REEVES.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 15th June, 1906.

I HAVE received large number of communications strongly expressing regret sympathy with as regards late Prime Minister. I may specially mention Duke Abercorn, Lord Strathcona, Admiral Fanshawe, Sir William Preece, Richard Glyn on behalf himself colleagues Bank of New Zealand.

REEVES.

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LABOUR PARTY IN BRITISH HOUSE COMMONS.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 16th June, 1906.

RECEIVED following resolution for transmission to Mrs. Seddon: "That the Labour party in the British House of Commons sends its condolences to the wife and family of late Mr. Richard Seddon, Prime Minister New Zealand, expressing appreciation of great services he has rendered to labour by the social legislation passed by Cabinets over which he has presided."

REEVES.

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FEDERAL-HOULDER-SHIRE LINES

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington, New Zealand.

London, 12th June, 1906.

FEDERAL-Houlder-Shire lines desire express profound condolence Zealand's loss.

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CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTORS MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington, New Zealand.

Manchester, 12th June, 1906.

CHAIRMAN and directors, Manchester Ship Canal, tender sincere condolences with New Zealand people and Mr. Seddon's family in their irreparable loss.

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BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE, LONDON.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

London, 16th June, 1906.

FOR Mrs. Seddon. We are instructed to convey to you and your family heartfelt sympathy of British Empire League on the sudden overwhelming bereavement which you have sustained. The death of so great Imperial statesman is severe blow which will be felt throughout Empire, and his loss will be especially mourned by British Empire League to whom he was ever a staunch friend.

FREEMAN MURRAY, Secretary.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAPETOWN.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town House, Capetown, Cape of Good Hope, 15th June, 1906.

I am directed to convey to you the sincere sympathy of the Mayor and the Council, as representing the citizens of Capetown, in the sad bereavement which you have sustained in the death of your husband, the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, Premier of the Colony of New Zealand, and to assure you that the Council and citizens are deeply sensible of the irreparable loss, not only to you and yours but to the whole of the Empire.