

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Hon. W. J. STEWARD, Speaker, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Pukeuri, 27th April, 1893.

MESSAGE just reached self and Duncan here. Needless to say both profoundly affected. Express to Mrs. Ballance our deepest sympathy. Wire first thing to-morrow advising arrangements for funeral.

The Hon. W. ROLLESTON to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Merrivale, 28th April, 1893.

PLEASE convey to Ministers my deep sense of loss they and country have sustained.

The Hon. Sir J. HALL to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Hororata, 28th April, 1893.

THANKS for message. Cannot express too strongly my sincere sorrow at this sad bereavement for the colony and the Premier's family. Please convey to Mrs. Ballance most heartfelt sympathy of Lady Hall and myself for her in her great trial.

The Hon. Captain RUSSELL to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Hastings, 28th April, 1893.

RECEIVED information of death of Premier with greatest regret. Please convey to Mrs. Ballance my most sincere sympathy in her irreparable loss, and my conviction that his services to the country will prove an enduring testimony of his worth.

Mr. T. L. BUICK to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Blenheim, 28th April, 1893.

KINDLY assure Mrs. Ballance of deepest sympathy on part of Mrs. Buick and myself in her sad bereavement. Friends and foes alike are profuse in expressions of grief at colonial loss.

Mr. W. L. REES to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Hastings, 28th April, 1893.

THANKS for wire. Please convey to Cabinet my deep sympathy in their loss and in the loss New Zealand has sustained.

Mr. J. G. HARKNESS to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Inglewood, 28th April, 1893.

RECEIVED intelligence. Great regret. Express my sympathy at the loss to Ministry and colony generally.

Mr. D. PINKERTON to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 28th April, 1893.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Ballance my heartfelt sympathy with her in her sad bereavement. Too soon has passed away one of the ablest, best, and kindest of men. His death is a national loss.

Mr. R. M. HOUSTON to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Towai, 28th April, 1893.

SAD intelligence received here last night. When I mentioned it to meeting, greatest sympathy expressed, and deep sorrow felt. It is a national calamity; and, with the people of my district, I sincerely grieve at our great loss, and sympathize with you and other members of the Ministry. Please convey my expression of sorrow to Mrs. Ballance.

The Hon. E. MITCHELSON to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 28th April, 1893.

DEEPLY regret death of the Premier. Kindly convey self and wife's sincere sympathy to Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. A. E. G. RHODES to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 29th April, 1893.

REGRET it is impossible for me to leave for the North to be present at the Hon. Mr. Ballance's funeral. I am only expressing the views of the residents of South Canterbury when I say that widespread sympathy is everywhere felt for Mrs. Ballance in her trouble. Again regret it is impossible for me to leave Canterbury at present.

Mr. SCOBIE MACKENZIE to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Alexandra South, 27th April, 1893.

AM deeply grieved, and sympathize with you all. Convey to Mrs. Ballance the heartfelt sympathy of myself and wife, who know all the sorrow she is suffering now.