

position so nobly won, and won, moreover, after long years of devotion to the colony, that to the last was so dear to his heart, and for whose good the Hon. Mr. Ballance worked, we fear, all too hard.

Permit us, honoured madam, to again offer our heartfelt sympathy, and to remain,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

Yours, &c.,

GEORGE DIMOND, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Star of Newton Lodge, I.O.G.T., to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,— Jervois House, Wellesley Street West, Auckland, 17th May, 1893.

I have been instructed by the officers and members of the Star of Newton Lodge, I.O.G.T., to convey to you their sincere sympathy with you in your late sad bereavement.

We are all deeply grieved at the loss sustained by yourself, and also the colony at large, and we trust that the Great Healer will lighten your sorrow.

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

I am, &c.,

SOPHIA GARLAND, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society (St. Patrick's Branch, No. 82), to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,— Christchurch, 20th May, 1893.

I am directed by the members of the above branch to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy with you in your sad bereavement through the death of your late husband, and hope that you will have health and strength to bear up against it.

Mrs. Ballance.

I have, &c.,

W. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Secretary.

Mr. R. O'DONNELL, District Secretary, I.O.G.T., Sydenham, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April 1893.

We sincerely sympathize with you in your sad loss.

COUNTY COUNCILS.

Mr. T. DALY, County Chairman, Hokitika, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

On behalf of the inhabitants of the County of Westland, kindly convey to Mrs. Ballance the heartfelt sympathy and condolences of the district, which is entirely with her in her sad bereavement. The loss of so worthy a statesman is sincerely deplored.

Mr. DILLAS, County Chairman, Balclutha, to the Hon. J. McKENZIE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

THE following resolution was to-day passed by the Clutha County Council: "That this Council (by telegram to the Hon. John McKenzie) express their sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her great bereavement, and their deep regret at the loss the colony has sustained by the death of her husband."

Mr. A. D. BELL, County Chairman, Waihemo, to the Hon. J. McKENZIE.

(Telegram.)

Palmerston, 28th April, 1893.

PRAY convey to Mrs. Ballance and your colleagues the deep regret of this Council at the sad termination of Mr. Ballance's honourable career.

Mr. A. R. H. SWINDLEY, County Chairman, Coromandel, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

3rd May, 1893.

THE Coromandel County Council desires to express their great and sincere sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her recent bereavement.

Mr. W. FRASER, Chairman, Vincent County, to the Hon. J. McKENZIE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Ballance from this Council and inhabitants of this county their deep sympathy with her in her sad bereavement; also their sense of the great loss this colony has sustained by the death of the late Premier.

The COUNTY CLERK, Patea, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

County Council Offices, Patea, 9th May, 1893.

I am directed by this Council to convey to you the following resolution, passed at ordinary meeting of Council, held on the 4th instant: "That this Council desires to convey to Mrs. Ballance its deepest sympathy in her bereavement and loss. This Council feels it has lost a true and powerful friend, whose services were ever at the disposal of this Council and district for its advancement and welfare, whilst the colony at large mourns the loss of its foremost statesman, whose name will live for ever in the history of the colony, and whose place it will be difficult to fill.