

“That this Board place on record its regret at the death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, late Premier of the colony, and its sense of the loss the colony has sustained, and expresses deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement.

The Hon. the Premier.

I have, &c.,

JOHN NEILL, Secretary.

The COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS, Christchurch, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

Department of Lands and Survey, District Office, Christchurch,

MADAM,—

19th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Canterbury Land Board, to forward herewith copy of resolution passed by the Board at its last meeting, on the 11th instant.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

J. W. A. MARCHANT, Commissioner.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Marchant, Commissioner of Crown Lands, seconded by Mr. D. McMillan, and carried unanimously: “That the members of the Canterbury Land Board desire to place on record their regret at the death of the Hon. John Ballance, their sense of the great loss thereby sustained by the people of New Zealand, and most respectfully to convey to Mrs. Ballance their expressions of deep sympathy with her in her bereavement.”

The PRESIDENT, Public Service Association of New Zealand, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 19th May, 1893.

I am directed by the council of the Public Service Association to forward you a copy of the following resolution, passed by the council at its last meeting, and to respectfully express the deep sympathy of the association with the great bereavement suffered by you in the loss of your honoured husband. The resolution is as follows: “That this council desires to place on its records its deep sense of the great loss which the Public Service Association, in common with the country at large, has sustained in the death of the late Premier, and its grateful recollection of the interest which he took in the Civil Service, both in his effort to pass a measure for its better management, and also in the urbanity and candour with which he was ever ready to discuss all subjects relating to the affairs and interests of the Service with those of its members who had occasion to wait on him for the purpose.”

Again expressing the council's deepest and most respectful sympathy,

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, President.

The Hon. SECRETARY, Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Dunedin, 20th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the committee of the Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society to convey to you their sincere sympathy with you in your great sorrow, and to hand you copy of minute passed at their meeting to-day relative to the great services rendered to the colony by your husband, the late Premier, viz.: “That this society deplores the untimely death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, in the prime of life, and in the height of his usefulness, and respectfully tender their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Ballance in her irremediable loss.”

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. CUNINGHAM SMITH, Hon. Secretary.

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

(Telegram.)

Kamo, 3rd May, 1893.

AM instructed by inhabitants of Aponga, at public meeting held last night, to convey to the Government their deep sympathy in the loss sustained through death of Premier; also their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement, which please convey to her.

The ACTING GENERAL MANAGER, New Zealand Midland Railway Company, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

SIR,—

156, Worcester Street, Christchurch, 29th April, 1893.

I have the honour to express my deep sense of the great loss which the colony has sustained through the death of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, and to say that I feel sure my directors will fully share in that feeling, and quite appreciate the magnitude of the loss which the whole country laments to-day.

I have to add that I regret it is impossible for me or any one to attend the funeral as representing the company, and thus pay a last tribute of respect.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

H. ALAN SCOTT, Acting General Manager.

Mr. JAMES HICKEY to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Taradale, 3rd May, 1893.

GREATLY regret the death of Ballance.

The SECRETARY, St. John's and Suburban Working Men's Club, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Wanganui, 1st May, 1893.

I have the honour to inform you that I have been instructed by the committee of the club to tender you, on behalf of all the members, their deepest sympathy with you in your great bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

G. BROWN, Secretary.