

1893.
NEW ZEALAND.

DEATH OF THE HON. JOHN BALLANCE

(LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS OF CONDOLENCE ON THE).

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA.

Lord HOPETOUN to His Excellency Lord GLASGOW.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

MUCH shocked at Premier's death. Convey sympathy family and colleagues.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

LORD GLASGOW to the Hon. the ACTING-PREMIER.

Government House, Thursday evening, 27th April, 1893.

THE Governor has just heard, with much regret, from Sir Patrick Buckley, of the death of the Premier, and he desires to take the earliest opportunity of expressing to his Ministers his sense of the great loss the colony has sustained in the removal of so able and experienced a statesman. He also desires to express his own sorrow at the loss of one with whom his personal relations have ever been of the most pleasant and cordial description, and whose courteous assistance and counsel have always been at the disposal of the Governor during this his first year of office.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier.

GLASGOW.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Colonel P. BOYLE to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Rotorua, 29th April, 1893.

MANY thanks for your telegram. Please convey to Mrs. Ballance my deep regret that, owing to the distance from here, I am unable to be present at Wanganui to-morrow to pay my humble respects to the memory of one for whom I had the greatest admiration. I trust that Mrs. Ballance is as well as can be expected under her terrible affliction.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERS.

The PREMIER, South Australia, to the ACTING-PREMIER, New Zealand.

(Telegram.)

Adelaide, 28th April, 1893.

THIS Government has heard with profound regret of the untimely death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, and expresses its deep sympathy with the Government and people of New Zealand in the great loss they have sustained.

The PREMIER, Tasmania, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON, New Zealand.

(Telegram.)

Hobart, 28th April, 1893.

MINISTERS beg that you will be good enough to convey to the family of the late Hon. John Ballance, Premier of your colony, the expression of their sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

AGENT-GENERAL.

AGENT-GENERAL for New Zealand to the ACTING-PREMIER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

London, 28th April, 1893.

MUCH lament death Premier. Greatest regret expressed colonial and business circles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Hon. H. J. MILLER, Speaker, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Oamaru, 28th April, 1893.

I GREATLY deplore the loss sustained by the death of the Premier. I beg you to express my sympathy with Mrs. Ballance and family in their grievous bereavement.

The Hon. R. OLIVER to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 28th April, 1893.

I AM deeply grieved at the loss the community has sustained.

The Hon. Captain C. KENNY to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Picton, 28th April, 1893.

DEEPLY grieved at the sad news you have just sent me. Hope to be present at the funeral.

The Hon. T. KELLY to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

New Plymouth, 28th April, 1893.

THANKS for your telegrams conveying the sad intelligence of the death of Premier. The news has caused general sorrow, and it is felt that in his untimely death the colony has suffered a great loss. Personally I feel it much, as he was such an old and genial political associate, and I had a hope of again being able to work with him in the future.

The Hon. S. SHRIMSKI to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Oamaru, 28th April, 1893.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Ballance the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of Mrs. Shrimski and self in her sad bereavement. Her untiring devotion and effort to prolong the life of one whom the colony can ill afford to lose has met with the admiration of all.

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

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 28th April, 1893.

REGRET is very pronounced here at death of our leader. Will endeavour to be present at funeral.

The Hon. J. B. WHYTE to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Ngaruawahia, 28th April, 1893.

MANY thanks for telegram. Both in his public and private capacity I sincerely regret the heavy loss which the colony has suffered.

The Hon. J. KERR to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Greymouth, 28th April, 1893.

VESSELS in port have flags half-mast. General regret expressed here. I sympathize with you and Ministry at loss of your good and worthy chief. The working people of the colony have lost a friend indeed.

The Hon. J. A. BONAR to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Hokitika, 27th April, 1893.

DEEPLY regret hear sad news. Kindly convey my warmest sympathy to Mrs. Ballance.

The Hon. W. D. STEWART to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 27th April, 1893.

GREATLY regret news of death of Mr. Ballance. Convey to Mrs. Ballance my deepest sympathy in her bereavement.

The Hon. J. SHEPARD to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Belgrave, 2nd May, 1893.

DEPLORE the calamitous loss of the Premier.

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

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 28th April, 1893.

BY death of our dear chief I have lost kind friend; colony one of her best, wisest, and greatest statesmen, of whom it may truly be said, "He was an honest man, and lover of his country."

The Hon. J. T. PEACOCK to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 29th April, 1893.

EXCEEDINGLY grieved at death of poor Ballance. Cannot possibly attend the funeral.

The Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 28th April, 1893.

RECEIVED your telegram of yesterday with much regret. Please convey my sympathy to Mrs. Ballance and your colleagues.

The Hon. H. FELDWICK to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Invercargill, 28th April, 1893.
KINDLY convey to Mrs. Ballance my deep sympathy with her in her heavy bereavement. Sorrow here universal.

The Hon. BARTON ACLAND to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Timaru, 29th April, 1893.
THANKS for telegram. Please convey my condolence to Mrs. Ballance for great loss. Regret quite unable to go to Wellington.

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

(Telegram.) Auckland, 28th April, 1893.
EVERY one here considers the death of Mr. Ballance a public calamity. When Mrs. Ballance can be spoken to, please convey to her my sincere condolence.

The Hon. G. B. MORRIS to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Tauranga, 28th April, 1893.
WE have sustained a great loss, both as a leader and a friend.

The Hon. C. C. BOWEN to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Christchurch, 28th April, 1893.
THANKS for your telegram, which I received last night, with very great regret.

The Hon. J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Hastings, 28th April, 1893.
SINCERELY regret your sad news of Premier's death.

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

(Telegram.) Dunedin, 28th April, 1893.
AM greatly distressed at the sad news. I have lost a friend and the country a great man. The public's regret is deep and sincere.

The Hon. W. C. WALKER to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Christchurch, 28th April, 1893.
CONVEY Mrs. Ballance my heartfelt sympathy. Condolences yourself and colleagues for loss of noble chief.

The Hon. S. SHRIMSKI to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Oamaru, 28th April, 1893.
WE are deeply grieved at the sad news. Kindly accept for self and colleagues our united and sincere sympathy. It is a loss the colony can ill afford. Am prevented paying my last respects to him whom I owe so much to, as there is no steamer until Saturday night.

The Hon. H. FELDWICK to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Invercargill, 27th April, 1893.
GREATLY regret receiving sad intelligence. Mackintosh and other friends to whom I have shown your message deeply grieved.

The Hon. E. C. STEVENS to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.) Christchurch, 28th April, 1893.
LAST night's message, announcing Premier's death, received with much regret.

The Hon. W. JENNINGS to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.) Auckland, 28th April, 1893.
AUCKLAND Trade Council express deep sympathy at your loss. A statesman, warm friend, and gentleman New Zealand has to mourn.

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

(Telegram.) Christchurch, 28th April, 1893.
THE death of our dear friend is a great public calamity and an awful trial to his devoted wife, with whom I deeply sympathize in her overwhelming sorrow.

The Hon. J. MACGREGOR to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

DEAR Mr. SEDDON,—
Dunedin, 28th April, 1893.
I have to thank you for your consideration in telegraphing to me about Mr. Ballance. His death has caused universal sorrow here, and the utmost sympathy for Mrs. Ballance. I have to mourn the loss of a good friend and personal benefactor as well as of a political leader. It is pleasant to see with what affectionate regard his personality is spoken of here. I shall write Mrs. Ballance later on.

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Very sincerely yours,
J. MACGREGOR.

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.

Mr. E. HAMLIN to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

Auckland, 28th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
JUST received your painful wire. Deeply regret its contents. Kindly convey my heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Ballance.

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

Auckland, 28th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
THANKS for your thoughtful bulletins during the illness of the late Premier. His loss is not only lamented by our party, but is felt by the whole colony. The women of New Zealand feel most for Mrs. Ballance, who has set them an example of a devoted wife. Mrs. Shera feels acutely for her in her first hours of lonely widowhood. May God console her.

Mr. T. THOMPSON to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

Auckland, 28th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
DEEP-FELT and universal feelings of sorrow for the loss of our Premier. Please wire what are the funeral arrangements, urgent.

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

Dunedin, 28th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
DEEPLY regret to learn of the death of Mr. Ballance. The colony has suffered a great loss. Pray convey to Mrs. Ballance deepest expressions of sympathy from wife and self.

Mr. SCOBIE MACKENZIE to the Hon. J. MCKENZIE.

Alexandra South, 27th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
DEEPLY grieved and shocked at your communication. My sincere sympathy is with you all. Only to-day I wired hopefully to Mrs. Ballance. At such a time all political feeling dies, and gives way to sorrow and sympathy.

Mr. E. LAKE to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

Ohaupo, 28th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
VERY much regret that steamer arrangements render it impossible for me to show last tribute of respect to deceased Premier.

Mr. ARTHUR GUINNESS to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

Greymouth, 28th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
SAD news of our chief's death caused great gloom here. I send my sincerest sympathy to you and other Ministers. How is Mrs. Ballance? I wired her last night.

The Hon. T. FERGUS to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

Dunedin, 28th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
DEEPLY regret Premier's death, and am wiring Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. W. CARNCROSS to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

Mosgiel, 29th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
KINDLY convey to Mrs. Ballance my heartfelt sympathy as one who was proud to be known as a political follower of her noble husband.

Mr. J. W. KELLY to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

Invercargill, 28th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
FRIENDS here desire you to convey to Mrs. Ballance their deep sympathy in her bereavement. All feel as if some near relative had been suddenly cut off.

Mr. T. PRATT to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

Seacliff, 28th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
SINCE receiving your last memo. am very sorry to hear that Mr. Ballance has passed away. Convey regrets to Mrs. Ballance. Kindly advise as to where and when funeral takes place, as would like to attend if possible. Reply Seacliff.

Mr. T. DUNCAN to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

Pukeuri Junction, 29th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
EXCUSE absence chief's funeral. No notice special before passing. Greatly disappointed. Communicate same to Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. R. THOMPSON to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

Whangarei, 27th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
I AM unable to find words to give expression to the deep feeling of sorrow caused by your wire.

Mr. R. MEREDITH to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

Cust, 29th April, 1893.

(Telegram.)
ALAS! our chief gone. Tidings causing national calamity. Deeply sympathize with Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. W. McLEAN to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 28th April, 1893.

DEEPLY sympathize colony's loss.

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

(Telegram.)

Bull's, 28th April, 1893.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Ballance the expression of my sincerest condolence in the great loss she has sustained, mitigated, I hope, by thought of the great sympathy of all New Zealand.

Mr. HALL-JONES to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Timaru, 28th April, 1893.

DEEPLY grieved to hear of the death of our chief. Kindly convey to Mrs. Ballance my heartfelt sympathy in the loss she has sustained. I am sorry that there is no boat leaving Lyttelton in time to permit of my following him to his last resting-place.

Mr. H. S. VALENTINE to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Riversdale, 28th April, 1893.

MANY thanks for message, but regret exceedingly to hear sad news of Premier's death. Pray convey my sincere sympathy to Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. E. G. WRIGHT to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 28th April, 1893.

I AM extremely sorry for the untimely death of Mr. Ballance.

Mr. W. C. SMITH to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Waipukurau, 28th April, 1893.

WE were all very sorry indeed to hear the sad news. Mrs. Smith and myself desire to express our deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement. The whole colony has truly suffered a very great loss.

Mr. A. KNOCKS to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Otaki, 28th April, 1893.

I HAVE been requested by Mr. Taipua and his friends to say, in reply to your telegram, Maoris here are very sorry indeed to hear of Mr. Ballance's death. They sympathize with all his friends. They also, as a mark of respect, offer services of Maori band at funeral. Kindly reply.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

Mr. K. RAMSAY, President, Dunedin Chamber of Commerce, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 29th April, 1893.

HAVE learned with deep regret of your great loss. Pray accept the sincere and respectful sympathy of the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce.

The SECRETARY, Christchurch Chamber of Commerce, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 28th April, 1893.

THE President and committee of the Canterbury Chamber of Commerce desire to express their sincere sympathy with you under your recent bereavement.

The SECRETARY and PRESIDENT, Wellington Chamber of Commerce, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Wellington, 28th April, 1893.

I am requested to inform you that at a special meeting of the Council of this Chamber, held to-day, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, "That this Council deeply regrets the death of the Hon. John Ballance, Premier of the colony, recognises the earnestness and sincerity of purpose which characterized him, and deploras the loss of so prominent a statesman."

The Council tenders to Mrs. Ballance its sympathy in her great loss, and directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to her.

I have, &c.,

D. T. STUART, President.

S. CARROLL, Secretary.

Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. A. PORTER, Chairman, Auckland Chamber of Commerce, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 28th April, 1893.

CHAMBER sincerely condole with you in the loss you have sustained by death of your colleague—Hon. J. Ballance. The colony can ill afford to lose such men at present time.

The CHAIRMAN, Wanganui Chamber of Commerce, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 27th May, 1893.

I am directed by the members of the Chamber of Commerce to forward you copy of a resolution passed at their meeting. Mr. Bell moved, "That a record be made in the Chamber's minutes expressing sincere regret at the death of the late Mr. Ballance, and the great loss the

district had sustained in consequence, and that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance." Every member present spoke in the most feeling terms in regard to Mr. Ballance, and expressed their sympathy with you in your great bereavement.

Mrs. Ballance.

Yours truly,
JOHN STEVENSON, Chairman.

Mr. INSTONE, Invercargill Chamber of Commerce, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

15th May, 1893.

At monthly meeting of committee, just held, I was instructed to convey to you the deep regret felt by this Chamber in the serious loss the country has sustained by the sorrowful death of Mr. Ballance. I am also to express the sincerest sympathy of the Chamber with you in your sad bereavement.

The SECRETARY, Chamber of Commerce, Auckland, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Auckland, 2nd June, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction, to convey to you a copy of a resolution passed by the members of this Chamber at their quarterly meeting, held on the 31st ultimo: "That the sincerest sympathy and condolence of this Chamber be tendered to Mrs. Ballance in her recent bereavement."

This resolution very inadequately represents the feeling of loss that has been sustained in the death of the late Hon. J. Ballance. He was looked up to to guard our commercial interests, and it was felt that any subject relegated to his care would be treated in that fair and honourable spirit that has always been manifested in his public career. He was ever regarded as an honourable and upright man, faithful in word and deed, and a severe loss has been experienced by his untimely death.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

J. YOUNG, Secretary.

HARBOUR BOARDS.

Mr. A. MATHESON, Chairman, Greymouth Harbour Board, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

GREYMOUTH Harbour Board respectfully desires you to convey to Mrs. Ballance the Board's condolence in her sad bereavement.

Mr. J. H. BARR, Chairman, Oamaru Harbour Board, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

MINISTERS will please accept the Board's sympathy, and convey the same to Mrs. Ballance in her sorrowful bereavement.

Mr. J. J. MOYNIHAN, Chairman, Westport Harbour Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

THE Board desires to express its kindest sympathy with you in your bereavement. The country has indeed lost a worthy and estimable statesman.

The SECRETARY, Wanganui Harbour Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Harbour Board Office, Wanganui, 1st May, 1893.

The members of the Wanganui Harbour Board, on meeting to-day for the transaction of ordinary business, unanimously resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, to adjourn until Saturday next, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late John Ballance. The following resolution was also unanimously passed, and I was directed to forward a copy of the same to you: "That this Board desire to convey to Mrs. Ballance their deepest sympathy in her bereavement and loss. The Board feel that the loss is not only a personal one, but that the Wanganui district has lost a member whose best efforts were always used in aiding and advancing the interests of the district, while the colony at large mourn the loss of a statesman whose name will live for ever in the history of the colony, and whose place it will be hard to fill.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

JOHN NOTMAN, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Bluff Harbour Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Bluff Harbour Board Office, Campbelltown, 28th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board, to forward you the following copy of resolution which was unanimously passed by this Board at its last meeting, viz.: "That this Board place on record its regret at the untimely death of the Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, its full appreciation of his numerous valuable public services, and its sympathy with the widow in her bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

JAMES E. FOX, Secretary.

FREEMASONS.

Mr. M. NICCOL, G.M., Auckland, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

ACCEPT sincere condolence of Masonic Grand Lodge of New Zealand with you in your great bereavement through the deeply-regretted death of our late Brother John Ballance.

Mr. T. A. PETERKIN, W.M., Westport, to Sir R. STOUT, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

MEMBERS of Lodge Aorangi deeply sympathize with Mrs. Ballance with the loss of our brother.

Mr. J. FAIRBURN, Secretary of the St. Andrew Kilwinning Lodge, Wanganui, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

THE members of the St. Andrew Kilwinning Masonic Lodge desire me to express their heartfelt sympathy, and condole with you in your great affliction upon the loss of our worthy brother, your affectionate husband.

The SECRETARY, Waitohi Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, 2036 E.C., to
Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Picton, 8th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Waitohi to offer you this formal expression of our truest brotherly sympathy in the great affliction that has befallen you. You have lost far more than any of us, but it will, we trust, be some mitigation even of your heavy sorrow to know that the country and the craft also feel in their inmost hearts a very deep sense of loss, and mourn with you in all sincerity. May He who has chastened strengthen you to bear; may the God of the widow fill with His love the void in your heart, and grant you by-and-by a grand reunion with our brother gone before, and who is rejoicing even now, we trust, in some measure of reward for his labours as a true and faithful craftsman, and for his service to the country that he loved even better than life.

With the assurance of my own personal sympathy, believe me, madam, on behalf of the W.M., officers, and the brethren of Lodge Waitohi,—

Yours fraternally,

Mrs. Ballance, Tinakori Road, Wellington.

W. D. JAMES, Secretary.

The HON. SECRETARY, Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Nelson, 8th May, 1893.

I have the honour, in compliance with a resolution of the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge of Freemasons, to convey to you the expression of their deep sympathy and sorrow because of your recent sore bereavement, and to convey to you their opinion that the loss sustained by the colony in the death of Mr. Ballance, its premier statesman, is second only to your own personal and irreparable loss.

I remain, &c.,

JOHN GRAHAM, Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

The SECRETARY, Manawatu Kilwinning Lodge, No. 47, N.Z.C., to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Palmerston North, 25th May, 1893.

I am instructed, on behalf of the officers and members of the above lodge, to offer you our condolence and sympathy for your loss, sustained through the untimely death of our late respected brother, J. Ballance, Esq.

I have, &c.,

F. E. WHITE, Secretary, No. 47.

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

The SECRETARY, Leinster Lodge of Freemasons, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Wellington, 8th May, 1893.

I have been directed on behalf of this lodge to express to you the sincere sympathy of the brethren in the sad loss sustained by you in the untimely death of our late brother, the Hon. J. Ballance.

Whatever of human sympathy would console you in your sorrow you have from us, and, where sympathy fails, may you derive comfort and consolation from the knowledge that the life of the deceased was not in vain, and that he died as he lived—the friend of the people, and “a man without exception.”

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

FRANK HYDE, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Lodge Stratford, No. 75, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Stratford, 22nd May, 1893.

I have been instructed to inform you that at a meeting of this lodge a unanimous vote of sympathy was passed on your late sad bereavement, and to express our deep sorrow at your loss.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

C. ORCHARD, Secretary.

The GRAND SECRETARY, Grand Lodge of New Zealand, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Grand Secretary's Office, Auckland, 11th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of New Zealand, Brother Malcom Nicol, to forward you the enclosed resolution of condolence with you in your bereavement, passed by the members of Lodge Waikouaiti, No. 57, of Waikouaiti, on the 2nd instant.

I am sure you will receive it as a token of warm-hearted sympathy with you in your great grief, and as a proof that the brethren of the mystic tie are anxious to show their appreciation of our late brother's masonic status.

As we are all taught to care for the widow and fatherless, and to show our sincerity by our consideration for such, you may be sure that the Masonic craft will long remember our esteemed and departed brother, and often send up a prayer for his afflicted widow.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, I have again to express our condolence with you in your grief. With deep respect, allow me to remain, dear madam,

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

WILLIAM RONALDSON, Grand Secretary.

Lodge Waikouaiti, No. 57, Waikouaiti, 2nd May, 1893.

Resolved, "That Lodge Waikouaiti condole with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement, and convey to her their extreme sorrow at the loss she has sustained by the death of her husband, the Hon. John Ballance."

ANDREW AFFLECK, Secretary.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

The DISTRICT PRESIDENT and the DISTRICT SECRETARY, Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, to the Hon. Sir P. A. BUCKLEY, K.C.M.G.

SIR,—

Auckland, 29th April, 1893.

We have the honour to inform you that, at a special meeting of the above district, the executive officers resolved, "That we deeply condole with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement on the loss of her estimable consort, and, further, that we consider the death of the Premier, at this juncture, is a national calamity, and to none greater than to members of friendly societies." It was further resolved, "That Sir Patrick Buckley be requested to kindly convey to Mrs. Ballance the sentiments contained in the above resolution." Apologizing for the intrusion, and thanking you in anticipation,

We beg, &c.,

WILLIAM BEEHAN, District President.

Hon. Sir Patrick Buckley, K.C.M.G.

P. KEARNEY, District Secretary.

From the OFFICERS and MEMBERS of the United Canterbury District of the Ancient Order of Foresters to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 5th May, 1893.

The executive officers representing the members of the above Order throughout North Canterbury have instructed me to convey to you their sincere sorrow and regret at the loss to the people and country caused through the death of your late husband—the Hon. J. Ballance. In him the members feel that they have lost a brother, because all his objects and aims were to improve and alleviate the distress of suffering humanity; therefore, his motives being identical with the objects of our order, makes the loss more keenly felt by the brethren, especially as the honourable position of Premier of this colony, to which he had attained, gave him facilities for carrying out to a great extent in a practical manner his well-expressed wishes for the welfare of the people.

The officers and members also desire to express their sympathy in your bereavement and sad loss, and trust that the kind expressions of all classes of the people may somewhat tend to lessen your grief and affliction.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

THOMAS GAPES.

The PROVINCIAL CHIEF SECRETARY, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, Friendly Society, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 6th May, 1893.

The executive of the above society desire to express their deep sympathy and condolence with you in the trying hour of your bereavement. As Mr. Ballance was at all times ready to assist any society that aimed to relieve the sufferings of mankind, we feel that by his death we have lost a friend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Ballance.

J. KERSHAW, Provincial Chief Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Court Roderick Dhu, No. 4926, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 12th May, 1893.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the above court, held on Wednesday, 10th May, I was instructed to convey to you a copy of a resolution then passed: "That the heartfelt sympathy of the members of the Court Roderick Dhu is hereby accorded to Mrs. Ballance in her great bereavement, consequent on the loss of her husband, our respected brother, the Hon. John Ballance."

Trusting you are as well as the very great loss you have sustained will permit,

I have, &c.

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

WALTER BRIGGS, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Loyal City of Norwich Lodge, No. 4356, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Lyttelton, 15th May, 1893.

I am directed by the City of Norwich Lodge, M.U., I.O.O.F., to convey to you the sincere sympathy which we wish to express at the great loss sustained by you in the death of your late husband.

We are desirous of expressing to you our high estimation of the personal character of the late Premier of New Zealand. In common with the rest of our fellow-colonists, we regret that in the prime of manhood one should be removed who was so eminently suited for the high and exalted

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.

I need only add that you may rest assured that one and all in this district deeply regret the trouble which has fallen upon you, and ask you to accept their sincere condolence. We can only hope that time will soften the heavy blow, and that the deep sympathy of us all may, in some small measure, comfort you in your trouble.

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

E. C. HORNER, County Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN, Ashburton County Council, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Ashburton, 6th May, 1893.

I have the honour to forward you a copy of a resolution passed last meeting of this Council; and I desire, on behalf of the Council, to express its deep sympathy with you in the irreparable loss which you have sustained: "This Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the public services of the late Mr. Ballance, Premier of the colony, and that a letter expressing the sympathy of the Council be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

W. C. WALKER, Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN, Rangitikei County Council, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Marton, 5th May, 1893.

I have the honour herewith to enclose copy of a resolution passed by the Rangitikei County Council at yesterday's meeting.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Tinakori Road, Wellington.

J. W. MARSHALL, Chairman.

(Copy of Resolution.)

"THAT this Council desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement, and to acknowledge its appreciation of the long public services of the late Premier."

HAROLD H. RICHARDSON, County Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Waikouaiti, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Waikouaiti, 29th April, 1893.

I have the honour to forward to you a copy of a resolution passed by this Council at a meeting held on the 28th instant: "That this Council place on record its sincere regret at the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, and that a letter of condolence and sympathy be sent to Mrs. Ballance."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. John Ballance, Wellington.

J. SMITH, County Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN, Wanganui County Council, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MRS. BALLANCE,—

Wanganui, 27th May, 1893.

I am desired by the members of the Wanganui County Council to convey to you their deepest sympathy in your great bereavement and loss. Mr. Ballance's death is a calamity to the colony generally; but here in Wanganui, where we had the honour of his personal acquaintance, and know how much he had the interests of the district at heart, his loss will be felt most keenly, and his memory long cherished in the hearts of his friends.

Assuring you, madam, of the heartfelt sympathy of this Council,

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

ALEXANDER HIGGIE, Chairman.

Mr. J. M. McKAY, County Chairman, Whangarei, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

6th May, 1893.

KINDLY convey sympathies of Whangarei County Council to Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement.

The COUNTY CLERK, Wallace, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Riverton, 23rd May, 1893.

I beg to forward copy of resolution passed by the Wallace County Council at its last meeting, viz: "That this Council desires to express its sympathy and condolence with the family of the late Hon. Mr. Ballance in their present bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

JAS. FULLARTON, County Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Stratford, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Stratford, 24th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council, to forward you copy of a resolution passed at the monthly meeting: "That this Council expresses its sense of the great loss sustained by the country through the death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, and its deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

W. G. MALONE, Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Bruce, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Milton, 9th May, 1893.

By direction of the Bruce County Council, I have the honour to forward you the following resolution, which was passed at the last meeting of the Council: "That this Council desires to place

on record its deep regret at the lamentable death of the late Premier, Hon. John Ballance, and that the Chairman be requested to convey to Mrs. Ballance their deep condolences and heartfelt sympathy with her in her sad bereavement."

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

ALEX. NELSON, County Clerk.

Mr. E. EDWARDS, Chairman, Ohinemuri County Council, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Paeroa, 29th April, 1893.

THE Ohinemuri County Council offers its sincere sympathy to the Ministry in its recent irreparable loss.

Mr. A. R. H. SWINDLEY, County Chairman, Coromandel, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Coromandel, 3rd May, 1893.

THIS Council, now sitting, desires to express to Her Majesty's Ministers their great and sincere sympathy in theirs and our country's heavy loss by the decease of our late Premier.

The CHAIRMAN, Waitotara County Council, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 1st May, 1893.

The Waitotara County Council, on behalf of the settlers in the Waitotara County, desire to express their deepest sympathy with you in the great loss you have sustained by the death of your husband, the Hon. John Ballance, late member for Wanganui, and Premier of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ellen Ballance, Wellington.

JAMES LAIRD, Chairman.

The COUNTY CLERK, Akaroa, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Duvauchelle's Bay, 1st May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Akaroa County Council, to forward the copy of a resolution for presentation to Mrs. Ballance, and which was passed at a meeting of Council on the 29th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

W. H. BRISTOW, County Clerk.

Resolution.—"That this Council has received with the deepest regret the news of the death of the Hon. J. Ballance, Premier of the colony, and desires to express its sincere sympathy with his widow in her bereavement."

The COUNTY CLERK, Raglan, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Raglan, 31st May, 1893.

I have the honour to inform you that the Council have instructed me to write you expressing their sincere and heartfelt regret and sympathy for you at the untimely death of your beloved husband, the late Hon. J. Ballance, and join with you in condoling over the great loss sustained by yourself and the country which he loved and strove to prosper.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

W. T. CONRADI, County Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Bay of Islands, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Kawakawa, 11th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by the instructions of this Council, to transmit to you the following resolution passed unanimously at the last meeting, on the 8th instant: "That the Clerk convey to Mrs. Ballance the heartfelt sympathy of this Council in the loss she has sustained by the death of her husband, the late Premier of this colony, and pray that she may be strengthened to bear that loss."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

J. W. WILLIAMS, County Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Geraldine, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Timaru, 12th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of this Council, to convey their deep-felt sympathy with you in your bereavement, and beg to hand you copy of a resolution passed by the Council at their meeting held yesterday: "That this Council deeply regret the loss the colony has sustained through the death of the Hon. John Ballance, to whose administration the colony is largely indebted for the present satisfactory condition of the finance. That the above be entered on the minutes of the Council, and a copy of the same be sent to Mrs. Ballance, together with an assurance of this Council's sympathy with her in her bereavement."

I have &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

F. W. STUBBS, Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Taieri to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Mosgiel, Otago, 15th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the County Council, to forward you the following resolution passed at last meeting of the Council:—

"Moved by the Chairman (Mr. W. Snow), seconded by Councillor Bunting, and carried unanimously, "That this Council place on record its deep sense of regret at the loss sustained by the colony by the death of the Hon. John Ballance, and that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance, expressing the sympathy of the Council with her in the great calamity that has befallen her."

In moving the motion, the Chairman remarked that every one who had the welfare of the colony at heart could not but regret the loss of such a man as the Hon. John Ballance, and, whatever their political opinions, they must still express their appreciation of him as a man and a statesman. He was an earnest man, an honest man, and always true to his party, and they could appreciate such an honest and earnest man. He hoped that the Almighty would sanctify and guide Mrs. Ballance, and lighten her trouble. These remarks were cordially indorsed by the other members of Council.

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JOHN S. KENNEDY, County Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Selwyn, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Christchurch, 17th May, 1893.

At a meeting of the Selwyn County Council, held this day, the following resolution was agreed to unanimously, and I was instructed to convey the same to you: *Resolved*, "That this Council expresses its sincere regret at the death of the Hon. John Ballance, the Premier of the colony, and desires to convey its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ballance."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

W. JAMESON, County Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Pahiatua, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Pahiatua, 18th May, 1893.

I have the honour to inform you that the Council, at its meeting on Saturday last, passed a resolution expressing its deep regret at the loss the colony had sustained in the death of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, and of sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her great bereavement.

Mr. Ballance's name will ever be gratefully remembered in the County of Pahiatua, more especially in connection with the special-settlement associations and the village settlements; but, apart from these, he had been a true friend to the county generally, and was willing, with the assistance of his colleagues, to do his utmost in the interests of settlement.

Kindly convey to Mrs. Ballance the Council's sympathy with her in her great loss.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

GEORGE MOORE, County Clerk.

The COUNTY CLERK, Pahiatua, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Pahiatua, 18th May, 1893.

In addition to the official letter from the Council, I would like to express my own deep regret at the death of Mr. Ballance. My acquaintance with Mr. Ballance was of over ten years' standing, and both my wife and myself have enjoyed intellectual contests with him on social, religious, and scientific subjects. His death, therefore, is a calamity to us, and is keenly felt.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

GEORGE MOORE, County Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN, Hutt County Council, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Hutt County Council Office, Wellington, 10th May, 1893.

The Chairman and members of this Council desire to express their sincere sympathy with you in your great bereavement, and to convey to you their deep regret of the great loss sustained by the colony through the untimely death of its late Premier, who had so ably and devotedly served it as a statesman and a colonist, and they trust that the unanimous expressions of sympathy and high regard of the people of the colony will in some small measure help and comfort you in your sorrow.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

STEPHEN LANCASTER, Chairman.

BOROUGH COUNCILS.

Mr. S. SKERMAN, Mayor, Marton, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

BOROUGH Council, at special meeting, desire me to ask you to convey Mrs. Ballance and Ministry sincere regret at loss she and colony have sustained in loss of late Premier.

Mr. G. R. RUDKIN, Town Clerk, Kumara, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

COUNCIL passed resolution of profound regret at the sad termination of the Premier's illness. Kindly convey to Mrs. Ballance and Government the heartfelt sympathy of Kumara.

Mr. R. W. WADE, Mayor, Hokitika, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

KINDLY convey Mrs. Ballance the heartfelt sympathy of the inhabitants of this town and my own in her sad bereavement.

Mr. W. R. KETTLE, Mayor, Greymouth, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

THE Council of the Borough of Greymouth desire me to convey to you their sentiments of deep regret at the loss sustained by the colony through the death of the Premier, the Hon. J. Ballance, and request that you will express to Mrs. Ballance their feelings of deep sympathy.

Mr. W. M. SHORE, Mayor, Kaitangata, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

UNIVERSAL regret expressed here at news of the death of the Hon. J. Ballance. Kindly convey our sympathy to Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement, and accept our recognition of the great loss to the cause of Liberalism in New Zealand.

Mr. D. DUNN, Mayor, Oamaru, to the Hon. J. McKENZIE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

MINISTERS accept sincere sympathy. Convey same to Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. G. THOMPSON, Mayor, Balclutha, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

PLEASE tender to Mrs. Ballance in her present bereavement the sincere sympathy of Council and inhabitants of Balclutha.

Mr. J. C. MACFARLANE, Town Clerk, Ross, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

Ross Borough Council, on behalf of people, wish to express their regret at Mr. Ballance's death, and would extend their sympathy to the Ministry for the loss which not only they but the whole country has suffered.

Mr. GRAHAM, Mayor, Waimate, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

2nd May, 1893.

WAIMATE Borough Council expresses deep regret for the Premier's death, and asks you to convey kindest sympathy to Mrs. Ballance on occasion of her bereavement.

Mr. J. PARR, Mayor, Hamilton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

1st May, 1893.

THE Hamilton Borough Council desire to express their profound sympathy with you in the irreparable loss of your husband.

Mr. T. A. DUNLOP, County Chairman, Thames, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THE Council of the Thames County offers you its assurance of profound sympathy for the irreparable loss you and the colony have sustained by the death of your most loved and lamented husband.

Mr. R. EDWARDS, Mayor, Palmerston North, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

PERMIT me to express my deep sympathy with you in your bereavement, and trust you will have strength to bear up under it. Australasia will mourn with you in the loss of a great statesman and gentleman.

Mr. W. DUNN, Mayor, Brunnerton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THE Council and burgesses of the Borough of Brunner beg to offer you their deep sympathy and regret in your recent bereavement.

Mr. J. VILE, Mayor, Pahiatua, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

ON behalf of the inhabitants of the Borough of Pahiatua, please convey to Mrs. Ballance our heartfelt sympathy with her in her very great bereavement.

Mr. J. COLLING, Town Clerk, Hastings, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THE Mayor, Councillors, and burgesses of Hastings desire to convey to you their deepest sympathy at the loss yourself and the colony have sustained by the death of the Hon. the Premier.

Mr. J. CUNNINGHAM, Mayor, Palmerston, to the Hon. J. McKENZIE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Ballance and your colleagues our sympathy with you in your recent affliction.

Mr. W. COWERN, Mayor, Patea, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THE people of Patea recognise the irreparable loss the colony has sustained in the death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, and desire me to convey to you their profound sympathy in your bereavement.

Mr. J. C. MACFARLANE, Town Clerk, Ross, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

BOROUGH Council, on behalf of people of Ross and district, wish to express their sincere regret at the death of Mr. Ballance, and would respectfully offer you their sympathy in your great bereavement.

Mr. F. R. JACKSON, Mayor, Wanganui, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

27th April, 1893.

PERMIT me, on behalf of the residents of Wanganui, to express their deep-felt sympathy with you in your terrible affliction. The death of your husband, I am sure, will be felt by friends and opponents alike as a national calamity.

Mr. E. GEORGE, Mayor, Christchurch, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

27th April, 1893.

CITIZENS greatly shocked. Accept our most sincere sympathy.

Mr. H. BURNETT, Mayor, Woodville, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

27th April, 1893.

IN the name of inhabitants of the Woodville district, I wish to express our sense of the great loss the colony has sustained by the lamented death of the Premier, and shall be obliged if you will convey our respectful sympathy in this great affliction to Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. J. SUISTED, Mayor, Westport, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

ON behalf of this town and district, I desire to offer you the most heartfelt sympathy in your present severe bereavement. The late Premier had many warm supporters here, and much sorrow is felt at the death of a statesman so universally esteemed, and who can be so ill spared by the colony.

Mr. F. TRASK, Mayor, Nelson, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

PLEASE accept heartfelt sympathy of citizens of Nelson and myself personally in your sad bereavement.

Dr. ERSON, Mayor, Onehunga, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Ballance and her family the heartfelt sympathy of our town in their great bereavement, and their appreciation of the loss sustained by the colony occasioned by the death of our late Premier.

Mr. J. C. ATKINSON, Mayor, Linwood, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 28th April, 1893.

ON behalf of the residents of Linwood, I beg to convey their sincere sympathy with you in your sad bereavement.

Mr. R. W. WADE, Mayor, Hokitika, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

I HAVE the honour to forward following resolution passed at special meeting of Hokitika Borough Council this afternoon: "That the Council views with the deepest regret the sad intelligence of the death of the late Premier of the colony, the Hon. John Ballance, and desires to express to you, on behalf of the community, their sincere regret at the loss of one so valued and esteemed by the colony, and their warmest sympathy with you in your great bereavement, feeling that, not only has the colony lost one of its most valued public leaders, but that you have been deprived of one of the best and kindest of husbands."

Mr. A. SHERRATT, Mayor, Timaru, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

THE Borough Council and a number of sympathizers desire me to convey to you their deep sorrow in your sad bereavement.

Mr. J. SANSOM, Mayor, Rangiora, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

BURGESSES and residents of Rangiora sincerely sympathize with you in your severe bereavement.

Mr. J. BELLINGER, Mayor, New Plymouth, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

THE Mayor, Councillors, and inhabitants of the Borough of New Plymouth beg to tender their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Ballance in her great bereavement.

Mr. W. DOUBLEDAY, Mayor, Kaiapoi, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

ACCEPT the sincere sympathy of this Council and the inhabitants of Kaiapoi in your sad bereavement.

Mr. J. T. BRUCE, Mayor, Lyttelton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

ACCEPT our sincere sympathy in your great bereavement.

Mr. G. H. SWAN, Mayor, Napier, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

ON behalf of the burgesses of Napier, the Mayor and Borough Council desire to express their deep regret at the loss you and the colony have sustained, and their sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement.

Mr. W. CROWTHER, Mayor, Auckland, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

At the unanimous request of the City Council, and on behalf of the citizens of Auckland, permit me to tender our heartfelt sorrow and deep regret at the very sad and irreparable loss of your dear husband. We pray that Almighty God will give you health and strength to bear up against this very lamentable bereavement.

Mr. C. HAYNES, Mayor, Dunedin, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

As Mayor of Dunedin City, I beg to express my heartfelt sorrow at your sad bereavement.

Mr. D. MACFARLANE, Mayor, Invercargill, to Mr. A. M. SMITH.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

BOROUGH Council have authorised me to express their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement. Look upon Mr. Ballance's death as a most serious loss to the colony. Kindly convey this to her.

The TOWN CLERK, Winton, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

Town Clerk's Office, Winton, 8th May, 1893.

The Winton Borough Council direct me to send you the following extract from the minutes of their meeting of the 5th instant regarding the death of the late lamented Hon. Mr. Ballance. The Councillors, I may state, all expressed themselves as being in entire sympathy with the motion:—

"*Death of the Hon. the Premier.*—Before commencing business, his Worship moved, 'That this Council express its regret at the death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, which it views as a national calamity, and directs a minute to be made to that effect, and an extract of same to be sent to the Hon. the present Premier, and a letter of condolence to be sent to Mrs. Ballance.' Seconded by Councillor Starkey, and unanimously carried."

Will you kindly convey to Mrs. Ballance the attached letter, as I do not know her address.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier.

W. RUSSELL, Town Clerk.

The MAYOR, Petone, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Petone, 10th May, 1893.

On behalf of the Petone Borough Council, I desire to inform you that the Council, on Monday evening, unanimously passed the following resolution: "That this Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the great public services rendered to New Zealand by the late Premier, the Hon. J. Ballance, and recognises the many high and noble qualities exhibited by him in the service of his country; and, further, desires to offer to Mrs. Ballance, with the greatest respect, the sincere sympathy of the Council in her loss."

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Tinakori Road.

R. C. KIRK, Mayor.

The TOWN CLERK, Patea, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Borough Council Office, Patea, 2nd May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction, to forward you a copy of the subjoined resolution which was passed at a meeting of Council held last night: "That this Council places on record its unfeigned regret at the untimely death of the Hon. John Ballance, Premier, when in the zenith of his power, and its recognition of the sterling qualities and abilities of the deceased statesman; and, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

W. S. HARPER, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Avenal, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

SIR,—

Invercargill, 4th May, 1893.

Will you kindly convey to Mrs. Ballance the following resolution; passed at a meeting of the Avenal Borough Council held last evening, viz.: "That this Council desires to express its sincere feeling of regret at the heavy loss the people of New Zealand have sustained through the death of the Hon. John Ballance, the late Premier, and to convey to Mrs. Ballance an earnest expression of deep sympathy in the heavy bereavement she has sustained."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

C. W. BROWN, Town Clerk.

The MAYOR, Nelson, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

City Council Chambers, Nelson, 8th May, 1893.

I have the honour to forward herewith a resolution which was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Nelson City Council, held on the 5th instant, being the first meeting held since the happening of the melancholy event referred to, and which resolution is as follows: "That this

Council desires to record its sense of the loss which the colony has sustained by the death of the Hon. John Ballance, the late Premier, and its deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance.

Mrs. Ballance, Tinakori Road, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

FRANCIS TRASK, Mayor.

The MAYOR, Feilding, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Borough Council Chambers, Feilding, 6th May, 1893.

At a meeting of the Feilding Borough Council, held on the 4th instant, a resolution was passed desiring me to write to you and convey, on behalf of the inhabitants of Feilding, the deep sympathy felt for you in your sad bereavement, caused by the death of your late husband, the Hon. John Ballance.

In carrying out this duty, I can only express a hope that the hand of time will soon relieve you of the burden of grief you must feel at the loss you have sustained.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

E. GOODBEHERE, Mayor.

The TOWN CLERK, Ashburton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Ashburton, 4th May, 1893.

I am directed by the Ashburton Borough Council to convey to you its respectful and heartfelt sympathy in your deep distress, as well as to express its sincere regret at the loss sustained by the colony in general by the death of Mr. Ballance.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

CHARLES E. FOOKS, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Lyttelton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Borough Council Office, Lyttelton, 3rd May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Lyttelton Borough Council, to inform you that the following resolution was passed unanimously at their meeting on the 1st instant: "That this Council desires to place on record its sense of the services rendered to the colony by the late Hon. John Ballance, and of its sympathy with you in your loss."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

H. J. V. ROGERS, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Wellington, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Wellington, 4th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Wellington City Council, to forward herewith copy of a resolution passed unanimously at a meeting of the Council held on the 1st instant, as follows: *Resolved*, "That the citizens of Wellington deeply and sincerely regret the death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, and remember with gratitude his many years of service to the public of the colony. The Council directs that this resolution be recorded in its minutes, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance, with an expression of the respectful sympathy of the Council and the citizens of Wellington in her bereavement."

I am to add that the Council feel sure that the citizens at large are in perfect concord with them in this expression of their deep sympathy with you in the great loss sustained by yourself and the colony at large.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

J. E. PAGE, Town Clerk.

The MAYOR, Melrose, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Miramar, 28th April, 1893.

It is with feelings of great regret that I am placed in the position of addressing you with words of sympathy for the loss of your husband. Beyond a business acquaintance, I had not the pleasure of knowing him personally, but from his public life, as well as private, I could not do otherwise than admire him as a statesman of the highest order. It is with regret I write, not only as Mayor of Melrose, but a private individual, and I consider that the loss to New Zealand is a national calamity, and that the sympathy of every individual must be with you in your bereavement.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

H. D. CRAWFORD, Mayor, Melrose.

The TOWN CLERK, Palmerston North, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

Palmerston North, 4th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Borough Council, and in accordance with a resolution passed by it, to transmit to you the sincere condolence of this Council in the loss the Government have sustained by the demise of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance.

The Council, however, is satisfied that he has left successors who will do their utmost to carry to a successful issue the many Liberal measures initiated under his régime.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

ROBERT N. KEELING, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Linwood, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Linwood, 25th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Linwood Borough Council, to convey to you an expression of its sincere sympathy with you in your recent bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

H. R. SMITH, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Sumner, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Sumner, Canterbury, 6th May, 1893.

I am directed by Mr. James Tait, Mayor of Sumner, to forward to you copy of resolution passed at the meeting of the Council: "That the Council of the Borough of Sumner desire to place on record their deep regret at the death of the Hon. John Ballance, Premier of New Zealand, and at the loss thereby sustained by the people of this colony, and wish most respectfully to convey to you their expressions of deep sympathy in your bereavement."

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

JAMES CRAWFORD, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Christchurch, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Christchurch, 26th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of this Council, to convey to you the expression of its condolence with you in your bereavement, and its deep sorrow at the great loss the country has sustained by the death of your late honoured husband.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

F. J. HOSKING, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Borough of West Harbour, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

SIR,—

Dunedin, Rotheray, 18th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the West Harbour Borough Council to solicit you to convey to Mrs. Ballance the following resolution passed at their last meeting, viz.: "That we, the members of the Council of the Borough of West Harbour, deeply deplore the great loss the colony has sustained in the sad and untimely death of our late Premier (Mr. Ballance), and wish to convey to Mrs. Ballance our sympathy in her loss of so devoted a husband, and so good a friend to the people, as a whole, of New Zealand."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

D. LARNACH, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Hawera, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Council Chambers, Hawera, 11th May, 1893.

I have the honour to convey to you the following resolution which was passed by this Council at their last sitting: "This Council expresses its deep sorrow at the death of the Hon. John Ballance, late Premier of our colony, and passes this resolution for the purpose of placing on record its appreciation and recognition of his statesmanlike and humanitarian qualities, and for the services rendered by him to his adopted country."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

ALEX. G. BRETT, Town Clerk.

The MAYOR, Oamaru, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Oamaru, 20th May, 1893.

In response to the special resolution of a public meeting, held last evening in the public hall of this town, I have the honour to convey to you the deep respectful sympathy of the meeting with you in your very sad bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

DAVID DUNN, Mayor.

The TOWN CLERK, Pahiatua, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Borough Council Chambers, Pahiatua, 10th May, 1893.

I have been directed by a resolution of the Pahiatua Borough Council to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy with you in your bereavement, and their wish to express the great loss this community has suffered through the loss of one who has done so much for this district.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

J. A. KENNEDY, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Karori, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MY DEAR MADAM,—

Karori Borough Council Office, 22nd May, 1893.

I am directed to forward to you a copy of a resolution that was unanimously passed by the Karori Borough Council at their last meeting: "That this Council desire respectfully to offer to Mrs. Ballance their sincere sympathy for her in her bereavement, and to express their sense of the great loss the country has sustained by the death of the late Hon. John Ballance."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

R. CALDWELL, Town Clerk.

J. CUNNINGHAM, Mayor, Palmerston, to the SECRETARY to the late Premier.

(Telegram.)

29th May, 1893.

At a meeting of the electors of the Waitaki electorate, held on Friday last, the Chairman was requested to convey to Mrs. Ballance the sympathy of the meeting in her bereavement.

G. ELLIS, Mayor, Hastings, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 27th April, 1893.

ACCEPT my heartfelt sympathy and deep regret at Premier's death.

The TOWN CLERK, Blenheim, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Blenheim, 28th April, 1893.

I am directed by the Council of the Borough of Blenheim to express to you the sympathy of the Mayor, Councillors, and burgesses of this borough in the great loss you have sustained in the death of the late Mr. Ballance.

I am also instructed to say that the Council look upon this sad event as a great national calamity.

Mrs. Ballance.

I have, &c.,

W. NOSWORTHY, Town Clerk.

The MAYOR, Foxton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Foxton Borough Council, 2nd May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of my Council, to most respectfully convey to you the condolences of this Council on the loss both you and the colony have sustained by the death of your husband, the Hon. John Ballance, the Premier. Myself and Council view the loss as a national one, and we desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with you in your bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

GEORGE NYE, Mayor.

The MAYOR, Lower Hutt, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Borough Council Office, Lower Hutt, 3rd May, 1893.

At a meeting of the Lower Hutt Borough Council, held on Monday last, the following resolution was unanimously passed expressive of the Council's sympathy with you in your great grief: "That the members of the Lower Hutt Borough Council desire to convey to Mrs. Ballance their heartfelt sympathy with her in her great loss which she has sustained by the lamented death of her husband."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. A. FITZHERBERT, Mayor.

Mr. E. G. ALLEN, Mayor, Port Chalmers, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

3rd May, 1893.

THE people of Port Chalmers offer you sincere sympathy in your sad bereavement.

The MAYOR, Wanganui, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MRS. BALLANCE,—

Borough Council Office, Wanganui, 3rd May, 1893.

The Borough Council of Wanganui wish to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy for the great loss you have sustained by the death of your noble husband. They know full well the loss to you is irreparable.

It is difficult to exaggerate the great calamity that has fallen on Wanganui and the colony, and we can assure you that his memory will be revered not only by his friends, but by his political opponents, who always recognised his powerful mind, his integrity, and his wonderful administrative ability.

We who live in Wanganui know how he devoted his time and talents for the welfare of the town he so ably represented, and we know that in the years to come, when the history of the colony is written, the name of the Hon. John Ballance will appear as one of her most illustrious statesmen.

Will you therefore accept the warmest sympathy it is possible to give from the people he lived amongst, and whom he loved so well; and they sincerely trust you may be spared for many years to live amongst us, filling, as you do, the hearts of the people with love, respect, and esteem.

I remain, &c.,

FREEMAN R. JACKSON, Mayor.

The TOWN CLERK, Winton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Winton, 8th May, 1893.

The Winton Borough Council, at its meeting on the 5th instant, by resolution, directed me to write a letter of condolence with you regarding the death of your late lamented husband, the Hon. the late Premier of New Zealand, which it unanimously views as a national calamity.

All the Councillors desire to express their deep sympathy with you in your sore personal bereavement.

Mrs. Ballance.

I am, &c.,

W. RUSSELL, Town Clerk.

The MAYOR, Greytown, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Borough of Greytown, 9th May, 1893.

At the meeting of the Greytown Borough Council last evening I was requested, on behalf of the Council, to tender to you their heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement by the death of your distinguished husband, the Hon. John Ballance.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

F. W. WOOD, Mayor.

The TOWN CLERK, St. Albans, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Borough Council Office, 9th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council, to forward to you the following resolution :
“ That this Council, having heard with deep regret of the death of the Hon. J. Ballance, desires to express its deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement.”

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. F. BEATSON, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Parnell, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Borough Council Office, 10th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Parnell Borough Council, to hand you the subjoined, a copy of resolution unanimously passed by them at their last meeting: “ That this Council places on record the loss the colony has sustained by the death of Mr. Ballance, Premier of New Zealand; also its deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement.”

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

ANGUS A. K. MACDONALD, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Mosgiel, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Borough of Mosgiel, 10th May, 1893.

I am directed by the Mosgiel Borough Council to express to you their deep regret at the great loss the country has sustained through the death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance; and they deeply sympathize with you in your bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

ROBERT FINDLAY, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Dunedin, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, 12th May, 1893.

I have the honour to convey to you the following resolution of the City Council of Dunedin, passed at its last meeting, and in doing so I need add no more than to say that it carries with it the heartfelt sympathy of all the members of the Council:—

Resolved, “ That this Council desires to place on record its deep regret at the death of the Hon. J. Ballance, late Premier of this colony, and its high appreciation of the unflagging zeal and determination with which he has ever discharged his public duties.”

“ That the foregoing resolution be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of this Council, and a copy of the same forwarded to Mrs. Ballance, with an expression of the Council's sincere sympathy in her sad bereavement.”

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. B. TAYLOR, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Hawera, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Council Chambers, 11th May, 1893.

By request of this Council, I have the honour to convey to you the following resolution, which was passed at their last sitting: “ This Council expresses its deep sorrow at the death of the Hon. John Ballance, late Premier of our colony, and passes this resolution for the purpose of placing on record its appreciation and recognition of his statesmanlike and humanitarian qualities, and for the services rendered by him to his adopted country.”

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

ALEX. G. BRETT, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Timaru, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Timaru Borough Council, 12th May, 1893.

I have the honour to hand you the enclosed copy of a resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Timaru Borough Council held on the 8th instant.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

E. H. J. LOUGH, Town Clerk.

(Copy of a Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Timaru Borough Council on the 8th day of May, 1893.)

“ THAT this Council desires to place on record, as a humble tribute of respect to the memory of a generous and noble-minded statesman, its deep sense of the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, and that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement.”

The TOWN CLERK, Campbelltown, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

HONOURED MADAM,—

Campbelltown, Bluff Harbour, 11th May, 1893.

I am instructed, by resolution of the Council of the Borough of Campbelltown, to express to you their exceeding regret at the decease of the Hon. Mr. Ballance.

It is the opinion of this Council that a gentleman of your late husband's attainments can ill be spared from the sphere of labour where for many years he has so prominently appeared; and that in New Zealand as a whole, and especially in political circles, his loss will be mourned as a public calamity.

The Council, therefore, while feeling a natural sorrow for the public loss sustained, cannot but feel for yourself, and beg to tender you their sincerest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

D. McDougall, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Lawrence, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,— Borough Council Chambers, Lawrence, 10th May, 1893.
I have the honour, by direction of the Lawrence Borough Council, to forward a copy of resolution passed at last meeting: "That this Council place on record its sincere regret at the death of our late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, and expressing the deep sympathy of the members of the Council at her sad bereavement be sent to Mrs. Ballance."—Carried.

Mrs. Ballance. I have, &c.,
PHILLIP UREN, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Akaroa, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,— Borough Council, Akaroa, 15th May, 1893.
I have the honour, by direction of the Akaroa Borough Council, to inform you that, at a meeting of the Council held on the 10th instant, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this Council place on record its regret at the death of the late Premier of New Zealand, the Hon. John Ballance, and expresses its deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement."

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui. I have, &c.,
W. SIMS, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Carterton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,— Corporation Offices, Carterton, 16th May, 1893.
I have the honour, by direction of the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of Carterton, to express to you their deep sense of the great statesmanlike services rendered by the late Hon. John Ballance to the colony, and to convey to you their sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington. I have, &c.,
H. H. WOLTERS, Town Clerk.

The MAYOR, Arrowtown, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,— Corporation Chambers, Arrowtown, 2nd June, 1893.
At the last meeting of the Arrow Borough Council the Mayor and Councillors passed the following resolution: "That this Council places on record their sincere regret at the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Hon. John Ballance," and that a letter of condolence be forwarded to you expressing their great sympathy for you in your late great bereavement.

Mrs. Ballance. I have, &c.,
HENRY GRAHAM, Mayor.

ROAD BOARDS AND TOWN BOARDS.

The CLERK, Temuka Road Board, to the Hon. the COLONIAL TREASURER.

SIR,— Temuka Road Board Office, 3rd May, 1893.
I have the honour, by direction of the above Board, to forward you the following resolution: "That the members of this Board recognise the great loss the country has sustained by the death of the late Mr. Ballance, and desire to respectfully offer to Mrs. Ballance their sincere condolence and sympathy in her late sad bereavement."

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer. I have, &c.,
F. ARCHER, Clerk to Board.

The CHAIRMAN, Waitotara-Momohaki Road Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,— Waitotara, 8th May, 1893.
At the meeting of this Board on Saturday last the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this Board deeply deplores the irreparable loss the colony has sustained in the death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, who has proved himself a staunch friend in promoting the welfare of the colony, and of this district in particular; and that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance expressing our great sympathy for her in her bereavement."

I am sure the whole of the settlers in this district can never forget the earnest desire of the late Mr. Ballance in forwarding the interests of settlement in this district, and the attention which he always displayed in advancing the interests of Waitotara, which has made such rapid strides since 1887.

Again expressing the deepest sympathy with you in your trouble,
Mrs. Ballance, Wellington. I am, &c.,
THOMAS W. FISHER, Chairman.

The CLERK, Taratahi-Carterton Road Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,— Road Board Office, Carterton, 8th May, 1893.
I have the honour, by direction of the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board, to convey to you the deep sympathy of its members in your recent bereavement, and to forward you herewith copy of a resolution passed by the Board at a meeting held on the 6th instant; and I do myself the honour in joining in the sentiments therein expressed.

Mrs. Ballance. I have, &c.,
H. H. WOLTERS, Clerk.

(Extract from Minutes, Taratahi-Carterton Road Board, 6th May, 1893.)

Resolved, "That the Board deplores the grave loss which the colony has sustained by the death of the late Hon. John Ballance, and that a letter of sympathy and condolence be sent to Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement."

The CLERK, Templeton Road Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Yaldhurst, 9th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that at a meeting of this Board, held on the 1st instant, a resolution was placed on record expressing deep regret for the death of the late Hon. J. Ballance, whereby this colony loses a very able statesman, and one who occupied the high position of Premier of New Zealand with great ability.

I am also instructed to add that the Board sincerely sympathizes with you in your bereavement and irreparable loss.

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

I have, &c.,

ALBERT FREEMAN, Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN, Riccarton Road Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Fendalton, Christchurch, 9th May, 1893.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of ratepayers of the Riccarton Road District, held here on the 2nd instant, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this annual meeting of ratepayers of the Riccarton Road District, having heard with deep regret of the death of the Hon. J. Ballance, desires to record a vote of condolence with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

H. J. HALL, Chairman.

The CLERK, Ashley Road Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Road Board Office, Ashley, 12th May, 1893.

At a meeting of the Ashley Road Board, held the 4th May, a resolution was unanimously passed expressing deep regret at the loss to the colony by the death of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance; and, further, at the annual meeting of ratepayers held the same day, a similar resolution was likewise unanimously carried. It was also directed that this expression of regret and sympathy with you in your bereavement should be forwarded to you, and the same be recorded in the minute book of the Board's transactions.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

W. DE TROY, Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN, Heathcote Road Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Heathcote Road Board, 15th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the above Board, to forward you the following resolution that was adopted unanimously at its last meeting: "That this Board desires to place on record its deep regret at the death of the Hon. J. Ballance, and its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

A. MORTON OLLIVIER, Chairman.

The CLERK, Weber Road Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Weber Road Board Office, 18th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Weber Road Board, to inform you that, at the Board's meeting to-day, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Ballance sympathizing with her in the great loss she has sustained by the death of the late Premier."

They also deeply regret the great loss to the colony.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

WILLIAM WYLIE, Clerk.

The CLERK, Ellesmere Road Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Ellesmere Road Board Office, Leeston, 1st June, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Ellesmere Road Board, to forward to you a copy of the following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Board, held this day, viz.: "That this Board acknowledge with regret the serious loss the colony has sustained by the lamented death of the Hon. John Ballance, and desire to express its sincere condolence with Mrs. Ballance in this her great bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

WILLIAM G. LUNN, Clerk.

Mr. J. WILSON, Chairman, Normanby Town Board, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

ACCEPT heartfelt sorrow of Town Board and community untimely death of Hon. John Ballance.

Mr. W. L. TOCKER, Chairman, Stratford Town Board, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

KINDLY, on behalf of the inhabitants of Stratford, convey to Mrs. Ballance an expression of their sympathy with her in her great trouble, and their great regret at the serious loss sustained by the colony.

The CLERK, Johnsonville Town Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Town Board Office, Johnsonville, 6th May, 1893.

The Johnsonville District Town Board have requested me to forward to you the following resolution, which was passed at their meeting on Wednesday last, and also to convey to you their deep sorrow for, and sympathy with, you in your great loss:—

Resolved, "That this Board desires to express its deep sense of the great loss which the colony has sustained in the death of the Hon. John Ballance, and its recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the country; also, its respectful sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement."

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

GEORGE WILSON, Clerk.

The CLERK, Stratford Town Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Stratford, 10th May, 1893.

By direction of the Board, I have the honour to forward the following copy of a resolution passed at its meeting this day: "That this Board gives expression to its sense of the great loss the colony has suffered in the early death of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, and respectfully offers its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Ballance in her great bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

T. HARRY PENN, Clerk.

LABOUR BODIES AND POLITICAL BODIES.

Mr. J. W. McDougall, Secretary, National Association of New Zealand (Hawke's Bay Section), to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Napier, 28th April, 1893.

THE Council of Hawke's Bay Section of the National Association of New Zealand desire to offer you the sincere sympathy of its members, and to express their sense of Mr. Ballance's devotion to the colony.

Mr. T. STAPLETON, President, Working Men's Club, Christchurch, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THE Christchurch Working Men's Club tender sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Mr. A. H. WRIGHT, Secretary, Knights of Labour, Eketahuna, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THE Knights of Labour of Eketahuna wish to convey its deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

The KNIGHTS OF LABOUR, Hastings, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

We express our sincere sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Mr. J. ROBERTSON, Master Workman, Christchurch, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

KNIGHTS of Labour express sympathy in your sad loss. When shall we look upon his like again?

Mr. E. J. SPURDLE, R.S., Knights of Labour, Gisborne, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THE Knights of Labour desire to offer you their most respectful sympathy in your sad bereavement, and to add that, in the death of the Premier, labour has lost one of its ablest, most single-minded, and best friends, whose loss we deeply deplore.

Mr. J. T. B. DINES, District Secretary, Knights of Labour, Auckland, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

KNIGHTS of Labour express sympathy for you in bereavement, and may the Lord who said "I will be a husband to the widow" strengthen you in this your time of trouble.

Mr. J. HASTIE, Secretary, Council of the National Association, Auckland, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

THE Council of the National Association (Auckland) records its regret at the death of the Hon. J. Ballance, Premier of New Zealand, and its sense of the loss the colony has sustained in that event. It desires to express deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement.

Mr. H. M. JONES, President, Liberal Association, Ashburton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

ON behalf of the Ashburton Liberal Association, please accept our sincere sympathy and regret at the untimely death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, which we feel is a national loss.

Mr. W. ENSOM, President, Canterbury Liberal Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 28th April, 1893.

CANTERBURY Liberal Association desires to express deep sympathy in your affliction.

Mr. W. BEEHAN, Chairman, Auckland Liberal Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

PROFOUND regret at your loss. Deeply condole with you.

Mr. R. N. JONES, Hon. Secretary, Cook County Liberal Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Gisborne, 28th April, 1893.

THE Cook County Liberal Association, in special meeting, desires to tender to you respectful sympathy in your bereavement, and to record its sorrow for the untimely death of the Premier, who was so universally esteemed and trusted by the people of the colony.

Mr. W. R. TREMAIN, M.W., Knights of Labour, Palmerston North, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

CONFIDENCE Assembly, Knights of Labour, wish to express sympathy with you in your bereavement.

Mr. J. SMITH, Secretary, Lyttelton Wharf Labourers, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

LYTTELTON Wharf Labourers sympathize with you in your sad bereavement.

Mr. T. M. MURRAY, M.W., Knights of Labour, Napier, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

KNIGHTS Labour deplore loss of champion and friend. Express heartfelt sympathy.

RAILWAY SERVANTS, Wanganui, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

27th April, 1893.

ACCEPT heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. E. J. SPURDLE, R.S., Knights of Labour, Gisborne, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THE Knights of Labour desire to record that they deeply lament the death of the Premier, one of the truest friends of labour, and they trust Ministers will be enabled to work on the same wise lines in the future as they have worked in the past under the Premiership of Mr. Ballance.

Mr. H. B. KIRK, President, Canterbury Industrial Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 1st May, 1893.

ASSOCIATION express deep sympathy in your sad bereavement. You have lost a true husband, the colony a faithful friend.

Mr. W. J. STEWARD to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MRS. BALLANCE,—

Ashburton, 8th May, 1893.

In pursuance of a resolution in that behalf, passed by the Waimate Branch of the Shearers' and Labourers' Union, I have to tender to you the assurance of their respectful sympathy with you in your bereavement, and of their regret at the loss the colony has sustained in the death of your lamented husband.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. J. STEWARD.

The SECRETARY, Trades and Labour Council of Otago, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dunedin, 5th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Workers' Political Committee, to forward you the following resolution, passed at our last meeting: "This committee desires to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement, and also to place on record its deep sense of the valuable services the deceased has rendered to the colony at large, and especially to the working-classes."

I may say that this committee is composed of delegates from organizations numbering about two thousand of all classes of workers.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

R. SLATER, Secretary.

The Hon. SECRETARY, Kingsley Club, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

Kingsley Club, Trades Section, 23 Inglis Building, Christchurch,

MY DEAR MADAM,—

4th May, 1893.

At the last meeting of the executive of the above section, held on the 3rd instant, I was instructed to convey to you the deep and sincere sympathy felt by the entire club for you in your late sad bereavement. We condole with you in the loss you and the country has sustained by the death of your late lamented husband. Hoping you will accept this in the spirit in which it is written,

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

J. WALKER, Hon. Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Wellington Operative Tailors' Society, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Trades Hall, Wellington, 8th May, 1893.

The members of the Wellington Operative Tailors' Society, in approaching you on the painful subject of the death of your husband, find it difficult to express words sufficient for the deep sympathy which is felt by them for you in your bereavement. With others, they recognise in the death of your husband a national loss, and share in the universal sorrow. They beg, therefore, to convey to you their deepest sympathy, and hope that you will be spared to see the harvest reaped of the good seed sown by the just man who has now passed away.

On behalf of the Wellington Operative Tailors' Society,

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

C. MELTON, Secretary.

The KNIGHTS OF LABOUR, Dunedin, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

DEAR SIR,—

Dunedin, 4th May, 1893.

I have the honour to forward to you the following resolutions, unanimously carried at to-night's meeting of the Knights of Labour:—

"That this assembly, No. 563, Knights of Labour, expresses its deep sense of the loss to the colony and the order of the Knights of Labour by the death of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, patriot and statesman.

"We deplore not only our loss of a brother, pure of life, and full of chivalrous instincts, but that, in the full prime of his manhood, of a life devoted to the cause of humanity, and having given clear evidences of his genius as a statesman—a born leader of men—and with a high and noble career open before him, he should be called to 'that bourne from whence no traveller returns.'

"We especially, as Knights of Labour, deplore his loss at the present time because of the real evidences that he has given to further the noble aim of our order, and of the knowledge we possess of the clear views and high purpose that determined his course to solve by practical methods the problem of the equitable distribution of the results of labour."

"That this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier, and also to the bereaved widow, with our heartfelt sympathies, and in the hope that the memories of the devotion and nobility of his life may soon bring 'that time with healing on its wing.'"

"That this assembly cordially joins with other kindred branches of our order and kindred organizations to gather funds to raise a suitable memorial to his memory as a man and his worth as a statesman."

I am, &c.,

Hon. R. J. Seddon.

W. EARNSHAW.

The PRESIDENT and SECRETARY, Wellington Liberal Association, to Mrs. J. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Wellington Liberal Association, 3rd May, 1893.

By the death of your beloved husband, the most powerful political party in this colony has been deprived of its leader, and has suffered a loss so incalculable that men hesitate to forecast the future. The country has lost its most skilful and trusted Minister, and many hundreds have parted with a valuable personal friend.

Great as is the affliction which all these have suffered, it is as nothing compared to what you must inevitably endure in your bitter bereavement; and it was with this feeling in their hearts that the Council of the Wellington Liberal Association met on the evening of the 28th April, and passed a resolution of condolence and sympathy, a copy of which we forward to you.

In simple and touching language, member after member of our Council bore tribute to the personal affection inspired by our late leader, and underlying all their expressions was the sentiment of regard and sympathy for yourself.

We beg of you to accept this expression of the feeling inspired by Mr. Ballance's noble and generous qualities, and we all trust that, when time shall have somewhat assuaged your sorrow, it will be some consolation to you to know that his nobility of nature was appreciated by the people, and that your sorrow was shared by them.

We are, &c.,

J. O'DEA, President.

Mrs. Ballance.

W. HILDRETH, Hon. Secretary.

Resolved, "That this Council tender to the widow of the Hon. J. Ballance their sincere condolence in her bereavement, and that, as a mark of respect to the memory of our faithful and beloved leader, this meeting do now adjourn."

The SECRETARY, Knights of Labour, Wellington, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Local Assembly, No. 2,192, Wellington, 4th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the above assembly to forward to you the following resolution, which was passed by the assembly last evening, and also to express the great loss we, as Knights of Labour, have sustained by the death of your noble and generous husband. He was indeed one to whom we always had access, and whose whole heart and soul was in the noble work of uplifting the masses and insuring the happiness of the whole people. We trust the knowledge that the whole people of this colony sincerely sympathize with you in your terrible affliction will somewhat comfort and sustain you.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. HILDRETH, R.S.

Resolved, "That this assembly tender to Mrs. J. Ballance their heartfelt condolence and sympathy on the death of her beloved husband, the Hon. J. Ballance, and that, as a mark of respect, this assembly do now adjourn."

The SECRETARY, Otago Trades and Labour Council, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dunedin, 1st May, 1893.

The above Council met immediately after the news of the Hon. J. Ballance's death reached Dunedin, and passed the following resolution:—

"This Council deeply regrets to hear of the decease of the Premier, recognising that his being cut off in his prime is a national calamity, and also desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her severe bereavement."

In forwarding this, I feel confident I express the feeling of every citizen when I say that the people of this colony have lost a friend and benefactor—one who has done more for the working-classes in New Zealand than any previous Premier, and his loss will be keenly felt throughout the colony.

Trusting you will have the consolation needed to bear such a great loss,

Mrs. Ballance.

I am, &c.,

R. SLATER, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Rangitikei Liberal Association, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

SIR,—

Marton, 28th April, 1893.

Will you kindly convey to Mrs. Ballance the deep sympathy of the members of the Rangitikei Liberal Association for her unspeakable loss. Independent of the high position he held, the late Premier was to many of us a personal friend; and we feel his death the more keenly inasmuch as we have the honour, in this district, of having first sent him to Parliament, and we have proof here, even at that stage of his career, of his earnestness in the works done in this district. And we feel that we and the country have suffered a blow that will be hard to recover from.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

H. SNELGROVE, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Federated Trades Union Council, Wellington, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Trades Hall, Wellington, 28th April, 1893.

The members of the Federated Trades Union Council of this city, in approaching you on the painful subject of the death of your husband, experience a difficulty in finding words to adequately express the deep sympathy which they feel for you in your bereavement. They, with others, recognise in the death of your husband a national calamity, and share in the universal sorrow. They are sensible, however, that yours must be a grief of another kind, and one which time alone can assuage. They beg, therefore, to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy, and to express a hope that time will deal gently with you, and that you may live to see the full harvest reaped from the good seed sown by the hands that are now cold in death.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

H. C. JONES, Secretary.

Mr. W. H. LUCAS, President, Thames Miners' Union, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THAMES Miners' Union express regret at the decease of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, and profound sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement.

Mr. J. M. MURRAY, Secretary, Knights of Labour, Hamilton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

2nd May, 1893.

THE Hamilton Knights of Labour beg to express their heartfelt sympathy towards you in your great bereavement.

The SECRETARY, Knights of Labour, Eketahuna, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

SIR,—

2nd May, 1893.

I am instructed by the assembly to send to you a vote of sympathy passed by the assembly to the Ministry on their losing such a valuable member by death.

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

A. H. WRIGHT, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, New Zealand Federated Tailoresses' Union, Dunedin, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MY DEAR MRS. BALLANCE,—

Manse Street, Dunedin, 3rd May, 1893.

I have been directed by my union to convey to you their deepest and most profound sympathy in your sad bereavement, and their great appreciation of the noble services which our beloved Premier has rendered to the working-women of our colony. We deeply deplore the great loss to New Zealand, and we women feel that a true, tried, and trusted friend has passed away from our midst.

His death has left a sting,
Which time cannot heal,
Poet cannot paint,
But the toilers feel.

We have lost him, but his good influence, however, we cannot lose. It will pass down through the history of our colony, and those that come after us will be inspired by his zeal, his unselfishness, and his nobility of character.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

H. R. MORRISON, Secretary.

Mr. T. CRAWLEY, Secretary, Trades Council, Southland, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

2nd May, 1893.

SOUTHLAND Trades Council wishes you to convey message of sympathy Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement.

Mr. S. CROOKE, President, Operative Bootmakers' Union, Christchurch, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

4th May, 1893.

CHRISTCHURCH Operative Bootmakers' Union desire express members' sense of great loss sustained by yourself and colony by death of the late Premier.

Mr. V. BIRT, Hon. Secretary, Mareretu Liberal Association, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Paparoa, 8th May, 1893.

THE Mareretu Liberal Association desires to record its regret and sympathy with the Government and the House at the loss of Mr. Ballance, their renowned leader.

Mr. R. M. HOUSTON to the Hon. the PREMIER.

(Telegram.)

Mititai, 8th May, 1893.

AM instructed by the inhabitants of Aratapu, at public meeting, held Saturday night, to convey to the Government their sympathy in the loss sustained by the colony by the death of the Premier; also their sincerest sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her great bereavement, which please convey.

Mr. V. BIRT, Hon. Secretary, Liberal Association, Mareretu, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Paparoa, 8th May, 1893.

THE Mareretu Liberal Association prays Mrs. Ballance will accept its expression of regret and condolence at the loss she and the colony has sustained by the decease of her illustrious husband.

The KNIGHTS OF LABOUR (Rising Sun Assembly), Woodville, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Woodville, 4th May, 1893.

By the desire of our assembly, we have to convey to you our heartfelt sympathy in the sad loss you and all of us have sustained in the loss of your late husband, who has done so much for the advancement of his adopted country. His memory and the memory of his great work will long remain firmly and gratefully fixed in the minds of the masses, whose interests he had always at heart, and in whose welfare he sacrificed his well-spent life.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

CHARLES HALL.

The RECORDING SECRETARY, Knights of Labour (John Ballance Assembly), to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 22nd May, 1893.

On behalf of the officers and members of the local assembly of Knights of Labour, I am directed, in accordance with a resolution passed at their last meeting, to convey to you their most sincere and sympathetic regret they feel for you in the great loss you have recently sustained by the death of your husband; and also to place on record the very many services he has rendered the working-classes throughout the colony.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

T. M. PENN, Recording Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Operative Bootmakers' Union, Dunedin, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Cumberland Street, 22nd May, 1893.

I am directed by the members of the Dunedin Operative Bootmakers' Union to convey to you, on their behalf, an expression of the deepest sympathy with you in your sad bereavement; also to express a hope that you may be sustained and comforted in this your day of severe trial.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

R. FERGUSON, Secretary.

Mr. C. BURTON, M.W., Knights of Labour, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Kumeroa, 5th June, 1893.

I have been instructed by our assembly of the Knights of Labour to forward our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in your late bereavement. The loss of your noble husband is a national calamity, which we greatly deplore.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

CHAS. BURTON, Master Workman.

The CHAIRMAN and SECRETARY, Mr. Buick's Political Executive, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

DEAR SIR,—

Blenheim, 4th May, 1893.

At a meeting of Mr. Buick's political executive last evening, we were requested to convey to you and the Government of the colony our heartfelt sympathy in the great political loss you have sustained in the death of the Hon. John Ballance, the man who, since taking the Premiership, has led the colony out of the great financial trouble of two years ago into the flourishing and healthy state of the exchequer of to-day, and we trust you may continue in the footsteps of your noble and honoured leader, whose memory will grow greener as years roll on, and the great and generous nature of his self-sacrificing life for the good of New Zealand, his adopted land, becomes more known. Long may the memory of John Ballance remain green. Kindly accept our sincere sympathy.

We are, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSON, Chairman.

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

HENRY JELLYMAN, Secretary.

Mr. M. J. McREYNOLDS, Chairman, Meeting of Mr. McGuire's Constituents, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Pungarehu, 11th May, 1893.

At a meeting of Mr. McGuire's constituents, held here yesterday evening, the following resolution was unanimously carried: "That this meeting desires to express its sorrow in the great loss the

colony has suffered in the death of the late Premier, the Hon. J. Ballance, and request the chairman to convey to Mrs. Ballance the cordial sympathy of the meeting, and of the residents in this part of the West Coast, in her sad bereavement."

Mr. W. N. SYME, Chairman, Mr. McGuire's Meeting, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

(Telegram.)

Okato, 10th May, 1893.

AT Mr. McGuire's meeting here the following resolution was passed: "That the settlers of Okato deeply and sincerely regret the death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, and express their deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement."

The CHAIRMAN, Mr. Smith's Meeting, New Plymouth, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

New Plymouth, 30th May, 1893.

At a largely attended public meeting held at New Plymouth last evening, when Mr. E. M. Smith, M.H.R., addressed the electors, the following resolution was carried by acclamation: "That this meeting desires to express to Mrs. Ballance its deep sympathy with her in her bereavement, and its high appreciation of the valuable services her late husband has rendered to New Zealand, and to Taranaki in particular, and the great loss the colony has sustained by his death."

I have much pleasure in transmitting this resolution to you. With much sympathy,

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

J. B. ROY, Chairman.

Mr. R. M. HOUSTON to the Hon. the PREMIER.

(Telegram.)

Mongonui, 2nd June, 1893.

I AM instructed by the settlers of Kaitara, Victoria Valley, Herekino, Orua, and Takahue to convey to you their sympathy in the great loss the Government and colony have sustained through the death of Mr. Ballance, and their condolence with Mrs. Ballance under her sad bereavement. Please convey. These resolutions were passed at my public meeting held in these places.

The CHAIRMAN, Mr. Lawry's Meeting, Parnell, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Parnell, 1st June, 1893.

Mr. F. Lawry, M.H.R., addressed a very large meeting of Parnell electors in the Parnell Hall last evening. At the close of his address he moved the following resolution, which I, as chairman of the meeting, have the honour to convey to you, with personal expression of my entire sympathy with the same: "That this large meeting desires to express its deep regret at the irreparable loss the country has sustained by the death of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, and also expresses its deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her great bereavement."

The motion was seconded by Mr. French, supported by the Hon. W. McCullough and the Hon. W. Jennings, and was passed unanimously, the audience all rising, thus showing its deep feeling.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

NAPIAN W. POLLARD, Chairman.

The KNIGHTS OF LABOUR, Greymouth, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

4th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the local assembly of the Knights of Labour at Greymouth to acquaint you of their deepest sympathy in the loss of your late husband, the Hon. J. Ballance, knowing, as they do, the feelings that were ever uppermost in all his doings, to render justice to all, and to ameliorate the lot of the working-classes. They also feel that they have lost a sincere and good friend. With deepest sympathy for you in your sad bereavement, and best wishes for your future welfare,

Yours, &c.,

N. ORTON,

Mrs. Ballance.

(For the Knights of Labour, Greymouth).

The BAKERS' UNION, Wellington, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Clyde Quay, 10th May, 1893.

At a meeting of the Bakers' Union, held at the Trades Hall on Saturday, 6th May, a resolution was passed of condolence and sympathy to you in your sad bereavement by the death of your beloved husband, the late Premier. Trusting that Almighty God may make your sorrow light,

We remain, &c.,

A. COLLINS, President.

Mrs. Ballance.

J. SHALFORD, Secretary.

The LIBERAL ASSOCIATION, Westport, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

10th May, 1893.

I am directed by the above association to convey to you and your family our deep and sincere sympathy in your sad bereavement. You, madam, have lost a true and worthy companion. Our adopted country has suffered an almost irreparable loss in the death of your husband. His long and honourable public career, more especially during the last three years, has been of so Liberal a nature that the ages to come will revere the name of the Hon. John Ballance, Premier of New Zealand, founder of the great Liberal reforms that, if continued, will make New Zealand the bright and happy home for millions of our race. We are sure many true friends will gather round you at this time, that your trials may be somewhat lessened; and may He who

controls all our destinies guide you in the beautiful path of resignation, till time, the partial healer of all our earthly troubles, will have soothed the memories of the past into a calm and happy hope of meeting with the dear departed in the regions of eternal bliss.

We are, dear madam, with the greatest sympathy and respect,

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

E. CROSS, Hon. Secretary.
WILLIAM SLOAN, Chairman.

The AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 11th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the members of the above society to convey to you their sympathy in the great loss you have sustained by the death of your much-esteemed husband, and that the remembrance of his devoted life to his country, the many useful measures he was enabled to conceive and be the means of bringing into law for the welfare of the toilers, may help to console you in the loss of one so dear to yourself, and held in such high esteem and affection by the people of New Zealand. On behalf of the above society, we beg to subscribe ourselves your humble servants,

THOS. MOSS, Branch President.
A. P. WESTBURY, Secretary.

Mrs. Ballance.

The HON. SECRETARY, Trades Council, Canterbury, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, May, 1893.

I have the honour, by request of the above Council, to forward you a copy of resolution passed at the last meeting, viz.: "That this Council desires to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement, and also to record its deep sense of the loss the country has sustained by the death of its Premier, and its appreciation of the great efforts made by the deceased statesman to benefit the people of New Zealand."

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

ARTHUR C. ANDREWS, Hon. Secretary.

The SECRETARY, United Boilermakers, &c., of New Zealand, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Moir Street, Wellington, 12th May, 1893.

I have been instructed by my society to forward you this letter of sympathy, sympathizing with you in your affliction in the bereavement of your late dearly beloved husband, the Hon. John Ballance, and we pray that God will give you physical strength to bear the loss you have sustained. He is not lost, but gone before, and you will again meet him by-and-by. Hoping you will kindly accept this letter of sympathy in the spirit that it is written,

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. CLIFFE, Secretary.

The HON. SECRETARY, National Liberal Association, Dunedin, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

16th May, 1893.

As secretary of the National Liberal Association, I desire to approach you with the following resolution passed by the council of our association at its last meeting. We offer it with affectionate regard, as a tribute to the memory of your late husband, and as a token of our sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. M. BOLT, Hon. Secretary.

Resolved, "That, at this first meeting of the National Liberal Association since the lamented death of the Hon. John Ballance, it is resolved that this association desire to place on record its highest appreciation of the great services rendered to the colony by the late Premier, and tender the heartfelt sympathy of the members of the association to his widow in her sad bereavement."

Mr. W. R. TREMAIN, M.W., Palmerston North, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

CONFIDENCE Assembly, Knights of Labour, express sympathy with Government in its bereavement.

Mr. R. N. JONES, Hon. Secretary, Liberal Association, Cook County, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Gisborne, 28th April, 1893.

Cook County Liberal Association, in special meeting, desires to express its sympathy with Ministers in the great loss they and the country have sustained by the untimely death of the Premier, who was so universally respected and trusted by the public, and to wish Ministers all success in the arduous work they have now before them.

MARION HATTON, President, Women's Franchise League, Dunedin, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

PLEASE accept our sincerest sympathy in your sad bereavement. We pray that God may bless and comfort you in your great sorrow.

A. DALDY, President, Women's Franchise League, Auckland, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THE Women's Franchise League, Auckland, sincerely sympathize with you in the great loss which you, the colony, and their cause has sustained.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. A. SIMPSON to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Marton, 28th April, 1893.

PREMIER's death cast gloom over Hunterville last night, and sincere regret expressed here this morning, in which we join. Thanks for letter. All well.

Mr. J. C. HANNA to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 28th April, 1893.

LIKE every one here, am inexpressibly grieved to hear of your colleague's death. The whole thing is very saddening.

Mr. GEORGE RENNER to the Hon. J. MCKENZIE.

(Telegram.)

Kaikoura, 28th April, 1893.

GREATLY regret Premier's death, which is enormous colonial loss. Sympathize with widow and Ministry.

Mr. JOHN KERR to the Hon. J. MCKENZIE.

(Telegram.)

The Lake, 28th April, 1893.

DEEPLY regret to hear Premier's death. Irreparable loss to country and party. Warmest sympathy to Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. JOHN FRASER to the Hon. J. MCKENZIE.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 28th April, 1893.

UNIVERSAL regret Premier's untimely end.

Mr. MOODY to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Kawakawa, 28th April, 1893.

AM grieved at hearing of Mr. Ballance's death. The colony has lost a good friend, statesman, and patriot.

Mr. J. H. REYNOLDS to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Havelock, 28th April, 1893.

MY heartfelt regrets at death of Premier. Truly a nation's loss. Please convey same to Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. G. A. MARCHANT to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Stratford, 28th April, 1893.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Ballance my sincerest sympathy for the loss which she personally and whole country have sustained in Premier's death.

Mr. ALLSWORTH to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Stratford, 28th April, 1893.

UNIVERSAL sympathy at national calamity occurred. Convey to Mrs. Ballance kindly sympathy.

Mr. G. BEDFORD, Hon. Secretary, Courtenay A. and P. Association, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Kirwee, 29th April, 1893.

AT annual meeting of Courtenay A. and P. Association and Kirwee Saleyards Company it was resolved to express sympathy with Mrs. Ballance. Kindly do so.

Mr. J. BARLEYMAN to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Stratford, 28th April, 1893.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Ballance my sympathy in her trouble, and regret for loss to colony.

Mr. W. J. NAPIER to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mongonui, 28th April, 1893.

WHILE professionally engaged here the sad tidings of Premier's death reached me. Accept for Government my profound sympathy. A great man has fallen.

Mr. C. MALFROY, Chairman of Meeting, Rotorua Residents, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Rotorua, 29th April, 1893.

AT a public meeting held yesterday evening it was unanimously resolved that the sincere condolence of the residents of Rotorua be conveyed to the Ministry at the loss they and the colony have sustained by the death of the Hon. the Premier; also, that you be asked to kindly convey the sincere condolence of the residents of Rotorua to Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement.

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

(Telegram.)

Hikurangi, 29th April, 1893.

AT a public meeting last night a unanimous vote of sympathy was passed for great loss sustained by death of Premier, and condolence with Mrs. Ballance. The sympathy is universal here.

Mr. J. W. A. MARCHANT, Commissioner of Crown Lands, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Cheviot, 28th April, 1893.

GOVERNMENT officers and employes on Cheviot grieved to hear of Hon. Mr. Ballance's death. Deplore the loss thereby sustained by people of New Zealand. On their behalf, tender sincere sympathy Hon. Mrs. Ballance.

Mr. H. R. GEORGE, Portuguese Vice-Consul, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 28th April, 1893.

REGRET national calamity. Please express my sincere condolence to family. Have only just returned.

Mr. WALTER REID to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Rangiriri, 28th April, 1893.

SETTLERS of Rangiriri send their heartfelt sympathy for the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Premier, and beg to offer their condolence to his good lady in her sad bereavement.

Mr. J. N. BUTLER, President, Christchurch Ministers' Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 1st May, 1893.

CHRISTCHURCH Ministers' Association tenders sincere earnest sympathy in bereavement. Acknowledges great public services of your late husband.

Mr. F. M. HAY, Premier, Auckland Literary Society's Union Parliament, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THE Auckland Literary Societies Union Parliament beg to express to you their sincere sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Mr. HENRY BELCHER, Rector, Dunedin, to the Hon. Sir R. STOUT.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

ON behalf of school and myself, desire to express respectful sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in the nation's and her loss.

Mr. P. LUNDON, Secretary, United and Sommerville Farm Associations, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Wanganui, 29th April, 1893.

MEMBERS of United and Sommerville Farm Associations tender you their sincere sympathy.

Mr. R. BEETHAM, Vice-president, Public Service Association, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 28th April, 1893.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Ballance the deep sympathy of the public servants of this district.

Monseigneur McDONALD to the Hon. Sir P. BUCKLEY.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

PLEASE express my feelings of deep sympathy to Mrs. Ballance in present bereavement, also to Ministers.

Mr. H. TOMOANA (on behalf of the Native Meeting, Hastings) to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

THE Native race wish to express their sorrow for the death of your dear husband, who was a true friend to the Natives.

Mr. P. LUNDON, Secretary, Cosmopolitan Club, Wanganui, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

MEMBERS of Cosmopolitan Club grieve with you in your sad bereavement.

Mr. H. BULL, Secretary, Wesleyan Conference, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

Onehunga, 28th April, 1893.

PLEASE accept our very deep sympathy with you in your great bereavement.

Mr. G. S. DIXON, Chairman of Meeting, Cambridge Residents, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

FOLLOWING resolution unanimously passed: "This meeting of Cambridge residents, called to promote the legislative prohibition of the liquor traffic, hears in the course of its proceedings, with surprise and sorrow, of the decease of the Hon. J. Ballance, Premier of New Zealand, and takes occasion to express its profound sympathy with Mrs. Ballance, and those who sorrow with her."

The CHAIRMAN, Wanganui River Trust, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui River Trust, Wanganui, 9th May, 1893.

I have been requested to convey to you a copy of the following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Wanganui River Trust, held at the Borough Council Chambers on the 4th of May:

"That this Trust expresses its sense of the services rendered to the Wanganui River Trust by the late Mr. Ballance, and of the great loss sustained by his death, and that they beg to express their sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement.

Mrs. Ballance.

I have, &c.,

JOHN T. STEWART, Chairman.

The SECRETARY, Wanganui District Hospital Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 4th May, 1893.

The District Hospital Board of Wanganui have desired me to convey to you their deep and heartfelt sympathy with you in the loss you have sustained by the death of your noble husband. They know full well that no words of theirs can bring comfort to your sorely-tried heart, but at the same time they trust you will accept their warmest sympathy in your sad affliction.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

A. C. RITCHIE, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Wairarapa and East Coast Pastoral and Agricultural Society, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Carterton, 29th April, 1893.

I am instructed by the above society to tender you their sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

E. W. DORSET, Secretary.

The HON. SECRETARY, Auckland Prohibition League, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Karangahape Road, Auckland, 4th May, 1893.

At our last committee meeting the following resolution was passed: "The committee of the Auckland Prohibition League write to tender their deep sympathy to Mrs. Ballance and family in their sad bereavement which has befallen to them, and to the colony of New Zealand at large, at the serious loss of so great and good man as the late Mr. Ballance."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

G. TOMLINSON, Hon. Secretary.

Messrs. BOND, FINNEY, AND Co. to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Nelson, 27th April, 1893.

We desire to pay a tribute to the memory of your late, and much beloved, husband. Therefore we request the wreath we are forwarding by this mail may be placed with those from his friends.

We feel the country, by his death, has sustained a heavy blow, and ourselves the loss of a true-hearted friend. We tender you our deepest sympathy, as we know the keenness and severity of our loss is nothing to be compared with that of yours.

Your wounded heart can take consolation from the fact that no man in New Zealand was more beloved by the people than was your late husband, and the people are mourning for him with a grief that is not expressed by words—a grief that is deep down in their hearts.

May strength be given you to bear your heavy bereavement is the prayer of

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

BOND, FINNEY, AND Co.

The SECRETARY, Wellington Education Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 4th May, 1893.

I am directed by the Chairman of the Education Board to express the deep sympathy of the members of this Board with you in the irreparable loss you have sustained in the death of your late husband.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

A. DORSET, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Wanganui Education Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Wanganui, 2nd June, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board, to forward you the following resolution, passed at its last meeting:—

"That at this, the first meeting held by the Wanganui Education Board since the death of the late Hon. J. Ballance, it was unanimously resolved that the following resolutions be placed on record:—

'1. That the Board deeply deplores the great loss caused by the death of the late Premier, who, as the first Minister of Education, so successfully inaugurated the present colonial system, and who continued to show an active interest in the cause of education generally.'

'2. That a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance expressing the sincere sympathy of the members of the Board in her great bereavement.'"

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

A. A. BROWNE, Secretary.

The HON. SECRETARY, Maniototo Farmers' Club, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

Springfield, Hyde, 10th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the Maniototo Farmers' Club to request you to convey to the honoured widow of the late Premier an assurance of my club's regret at his early death, our recognition of the great services rendered by him to this colony, and our sincere sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad affliction.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier.

JOHN J. RAMSAY, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. J. PARR to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Hamilton, 28th April, 1893.

DEEPLY lament the death of our honoured chief.

Messrs. WITHERS and POWELL, Churchwardens, Wanganui, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

27th April, 1893.

PARISHIONERS, Christ Church, Wanganui, request churchwardens to express their deepest sympathy with you in your great bereavement.

Mr. LEVI COUPLAND to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 28th April, 1893.

Permit me to add my humble drop to the ocean of very great regret which must be expressed at the sad death of the late Premier.

Mr. Ballance's loss will be keenly felt by his late colleagues and the party, but their grief can be "as nothing" to that of his late life partner and relatives, for all of whom I feel the warmest sympathy.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

LEVI COUPLAND.

The CHAIRMAN, Public Meeting, Dunedin, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Cumberland Street, Dunedin, 2nd May, 1893.

In accordance with a resolution passed at a public meeting here last night, it is my duty to forward you the following *re* the lamented death of your much-esteemed and lamented husband, with the hope that you may be strengthened to bear up under your sad bereavement:—

Before resuming his seat the chairman referred to the lamented death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, and, in connection with the sad event, he moved, "That this meeting, being the first held in Dunedin since the lamentable death of the Premier of the colony, desire to pass a vote of condolence to Mrs. Ballance, and record the highest appreciation of the distinguished, loyal, and self-denying services rendered by the late honourable gentleman; that the audience rise in silence to pass this motion; and that the chairman be requested to send a copy of the resolution to the widow of the late Premier."

The resolution was unanimously carried as suggested, all present standing in solemn silence.

The chairman thanked the audience for their concurrence in the resolution.

Believe me to be, dear madam (on behalf of the said meeting),

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

ALEX. JUDGE, Chairman.

The HON. SECRETARY, Ellesmere Agricultural and Pastoral Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Doyleston, 2nd May, 1893.

At the annual meeting of the Ellesmere Agricultural and Pastoral Association, held to-day, I was instructed to convey to you the regret of the members at Mr. Ballance's death, and their sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

GEORGE RENNIE, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. H. DE CLIFTON to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Woodville, 22nd May, 1893.

I cannot tell how deeply I feel for you in the loss of your noble husband, our late Premier.

He was to all a friend—one who has made himself beloved alike by both sides of politics, and all kinds of people.

For years I have noted his career; and it has been one of sterling honour and consideration for his fellow-man. New Zealand has suffered a loss in Mr. Ballance never to be regained. None can ever replace him. He was a nature's nobleman, and a true patriot. He died for love of his country. Of Mr. Ballance it might truly be said, "To do good was his religion." Liberalism has lost her brightest star in Mr. Ballance's death. How it must console you to know in what great esteem his name is held by all classes.

The great good he has done for those at present in our colony, and the future millions unborn, will be a lasting monument to his name for ever.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

H. DE CLIFTON.

The SECRETARY, Southland Education Board, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

Education Office, Invercargill, 16th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Southland Board of Education, to transmit the following copy of a resolution having reference to the lamented death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, late Premier of the colony, and which was unanimously adopted by this Board at its last meeting:

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“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.

The CHAIRMAN, New Zealand Brewers' Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Featherston Street, Wellington, 29th April, 1893.

The members of the executive council of the Brewers' Association of New Zealand desire to convey to you their respectful and heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement, and to record their sense and deplore the grievous loss the colony has sustained in the death of your honoured and esteemed husband.

I beg, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

MARTIN KENNEDY, Chairman.

Mr. G. LUMSDEN, Chairman, Southland High School Board, to the Hon. J. G. WARD.

(Telegram.)

Invercargill, 29th April, 1893.

It is with deep regret that the members of the Southland High School Board contemplate the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Hon. John Ballance, Premier of the colony, and desire to express their condolence with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement.

The HON. SECRETARY, Wanganui Volunteer Fire Brigade, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 1st May, 1893.

I am requested by the members of the Wanganui Volunteer Fire Brigade to convey to you their sincere sympathies in your recent sad bereavement.

The members of the brigade feel this the more as your late husband was, at an early period of the brigade's history, not only a warm supporter, but a sterling member.

We shall always cherish his memory, and feel the loss of a good and valued friend.

Again assuring you of our heartfelt sympathies, believe me, dear madam,

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

T. D. CUMMINS, Hon. Secretary.

The SECRETARY, N.Z. Freethought Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Manchester Street, Christchurch, 29th April, 1893.

I am instructed by the members of the above association to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement.

We trust that the knowledge of the fact that all classes of the community unite in testifying to the many virtues possessed by your late husband and friend may go far to assuage the poignancy of your grief.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

FRANCIS J. QUINN, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Gore Farmers' Club, to the Hon. J. G. WARD.

SIR,—

Gore, 2nd May, 1893.

At a meeting of this club, held on Saturday last, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bell, of Wantwood, the president, "That the Gore Farmers' Club express its regret at the death of the Premier of New Zealand, and that its sympathy in her loss be conveyed to Mrs. Ballance."

From your intimate connection with the members of the Gore Farmers' Club, I have no hesitation in asking you to have the goodness, at a time suitable for yourself, to communicate to Mrs. Ballance the sympathetic message.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. J. G. Ward.

DAVID DUN, Secretary.

Mr. W. A. MURRAY to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

DEAR SIR,—

Bothwell, Glen Murray, Auckland, New Zealand, 5th May, 1893.

I heard with surprise and sorrow of Mr. Ballance's death. As an old colonist and friend, I sympathize in deploring his loss.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

W. A. MURRAY.

The CHAIRMAN, Meeting of Opunake Settlers, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

13th May, 1893.

"This meeting deeply sympathize in the loss the country has sustained in the death of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, and considers that any resolution will fall far short of what might be expressed as to their feelings, but desires to state that this district has lost a true and tried friend, and desires the chairman of this meeting to convey to Mrs. Ballance its deep sympathy in her loss of one who was at the present time not only necessary as a man but as a politician to the welfare of New Zealand." Above resolution proposed and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ballance.

C. M. HARDY, Chairman.

Mr. R. M. HOUSTON to the Hon. the PREMIER.

(Telegram.)

Tekopuru, 9th May, 1893.

Am instructed by inhabitants of this place, at public meeting last night, convey to Government their deep feeling of sympathy at death of Mr. Ballance, and condolence with Mrs. Ballance.

The HON. SECRETARY, New Zealand Journalists' Institute (Auckland Branch), to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 8th May, 1893.

I am requested by the Auckland Branch of the New Zealand Journalists' Institute to convey to you their most sincere sympathy and condolence in the loss of your husband, the late Hon. John Ballance, and to place upon record their recognition of the great services rendered

by the late Premier, as a statesman, as a journalist, and as a man whose memory will ever be borne in affectionate remembrance by the people of New Zealand, upon whom he has conferred such great and lasting benefits.

Mrs. Ballance.

I remain, &c.,

ALEX. S. REID, Hon. Secretary.

The SECRETARY, South Canterbury Education Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Timaru, 8th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Education Board of the district of South Canterbury, to state that the following resolution was passed at the last meeting of the Board: "That this Board desires to express its deep sense of regret for the loss the colony has sustained by the death of Mr. Ballance, and its recognition of the many estimable qualities and great abilities of the deceased Premier; and that Mrs. Ballance be assured of the Board's sympathy and condolence with her in her bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

J. H. BAMFIELD, Secretary.

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

MADAM,—

District Land and Survey Office, Wellington, 11th May, 1893.

By direction of the Wellington Land Board, I beg to forward herewith a copy of a resolution of sympathy with reference to the lamented death of the late Hon. Mr. Ballance, which was unanimously passed at the last meeting, held on the 2nd instant.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

JOHN H. BAKER, Commissioner.

(Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Land Board, held on the 2nd May, 1893.)

"THAT the members of the Land Board of the Wellington District desire to convey their deep sympathy to Mrs. Ballance in the great loss she has sustained through the death of her husband, and to express their sense of the grievous loss the people of the colony have sustained in losing at such an early age so wise a counsellor, such a trusted leader, so kind a friend, such an able administrator, and one who by his noble and patriotic sacrifice of himself has gained the honour, esteem, and affection of all classes of the community, both as a man, and as the Premier of this colony."

The SECRETARY, Hunterville Small-Farmers' Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

HONOURED MADAM,—

Hunterville, 6th May, 1893.

I have the honour, on behalf of the Hunterville Small-Farm Association, to beg you to accept their sincere sympathy with you in your recent bereavement.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

T. MARSHALL, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Southland Education Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Invercargill, 16th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Southland Board of Education, to offer you an expression of the sincere regret of its members on receipt of the intelligence of the lamented death of your husband, late Premier of our colony, and of heartfelt sympathy with you in the hour of your sorrow and bereavement. This Board has placed on record its sense of the loss which the colony has sustained by the death of Mr. Ballance, and its appreciation of his distinguished abilities as a statesman.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

JOHN NEILL.

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

MADAM,—

Invercargill, 11th May, 1893.

I am directed by the Southland Land Board to express on its behalf its sorrow at the death of the Premier, your late husband, the Hon. John Ballance, and to sympathize with you in your heavy bereavement.

Trusting that you may find consolation from a higher Power,

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

G. W. WILLIAMS, Commissioner.

The SECRETARY, South Canterbury Education Board, to the Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Timaru, 8th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board of Education for the District of South Canterbury, to state that the following resolution was passed at the last meeting of the Board: "That this Board desires to express its deep sense of regret for the loss the colony has sustained by the death of Mr. Ballance, and its recognition of the many estimable qualities and great abilities of the deceased Premier; and that Mrs. Ballance be assured of the Board's sympathy and condolence with her in her sad bereavement."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

J. H. BAMFIELD, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Auckland Provincial Agricultural Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Queen Street, Auckland, 13th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the above association to express the deep sympathy they feel with you in the loss of your late lamented husband, a loss that they feel sure will be felt not only by our association, but by the entire colony. Apologizing for troubling you in your sore bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

EDWIN HALL, Secretary.

The SECRETARY for EDUCATION to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Department of Education, Wellington, 1st June, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Minister of Education, respectfully to forward to you the enclosed copy of a letter which he has received from the Education Board of the District of Otago.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. J. HABENS.

SIR,—

Education Office, Dunedin, 22nd May, 1893.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a resolution passed by the Otago Education Board at its meeting on the 17th instant, and to request that you will convey it to Mrs. Ballance: "That the Board desires to place on record its extreme regret at the untimely death of the late Premier and Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. John Ballance, and its desire to acknowledge the great service he has rendered to New Zealand, as well as its recognition of the many great and good traits in his character, he being one of the few men whose services New Zealand can very ill afford to lose. That a copy of this be sent to Mrs. Ballance through the Minister of Education, along with a letter expressing the Board's sincerest sympathy with her in her sore bereavement, and praying that He who is the husband of the widow and the father of the orphan may comfort and sustain her in her great affliction.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

P. G. PRYDE, Secretary.

The UNITED STATES CONSUL, Wellington, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

SIR,—

United States Consulate, Wellington, 29th April, 1893.

I much regret that it is impossible for me to attend the funeral of the late Premier at Wanganui to-morrow, for I should have much liked, in my Consular and private capacity, to have paid a last tribute of respect to one who has given his life to New Zealand.

I sat in Parliament with Mr. Ballance, and there and since I have learned to admire the singleness of his purpose and the lofty motives which governed his public actions.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

W. H. LEVIN.

TIMOTI PUHIPI and Others to Mrs. BALLANCE.

Mangonui, 28th April, 1893.

O LADY! Greeting to you. The remembrance of your husband has been taken from us.

We, the Native people of the northern part of the Island, are in deep grief in consequence of the death of our friend the Premier, and we desire to express our deep sympathy for you in the great affliction that has befallen you. Well, then! We greet you. May God have you in His safe keeping, and assuage your grief.

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

From TIMOTI PUHIPI and others.

FROM AUSTRALIA.

Sir CHARLES LILLEY to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Brisbane, 9th May, 1893.

I have been deputed by three thousand of the citizens and electors of Brisbane, in public meeting assembled, to convey to you the following resolutions, passed by them unanimously:—

"1. That this meeting deplores the untimely death of that noble statesman and patriot John Ballance, whose removal from his useful labours is a loss not only to New Zealand, but to all Australasia; and we desire to convey to his widow our expression of sorrow and condolence with her in her sad bereavement."

"2. That Sir Charles Lilley convey this resolution to Mrs. Ballance on our behalf."

I now respectfully forward to you these resolutions, passed with every token of profound respect for Mr. Ballance's memory by my fellow-citizens.

Mrs. Ballance.

CHARLES LILLEY.

The EDITOR of the *Eagle* to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Eagle Office, Charters Towers, 29th April, 1893.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the *Eagle* newspaper, containing a memorial tablet to the memory of your late husband. As a mark of the esteem in which the workers on this goldfield held your late husband, I thought you might like to possess a copy.

Assuring you, madam, of the heartfelt esteem in which the democracy not only of Queensland, but of Australia generally, held the late John Ballance, whose untimely decease we all deplore, and assuring you also of our keen sympathy with you in your affliction,

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

R. M. COCHRANE, Editor.

The SECRETARY, Trades Hall Council, Melbourne, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

1st May, 1893.

I am instructed by the Trades Hall Council of Melbourne to convey to you their deep sorrow and sympathy in the loss that you and the people of New Zealand have sustained in the death of your late husband, the Hon. John Ballance. Though personally unknown to thousands of the trades of Melbourne, we knew him well by reputation as an able, honest, upright, and conscientious statesman, and one whose wise and far-seeing policy will remain as a monument for all time.

The world can ill afford men of the noble traits of character that were so prominent in your late husband, whose death we and our fellows of the great Colony of New Zealand now mourn. As one who sympathized with the masses, whose condition he ever strove to maintain to lift to a higher plane, he will ever be remembered by a grateful posterity. It is with no less service that we thus approach you in this the hour of your deep sorrow and affliction, but with sentiments from the heart sorrowing with you and yours over the newly-made grave that is now receiving all that remains of mortality of one whom we love and esteem. Though dead, his works will speak, and we feel assured that the memory of John Ballance will remain enshrined in the hearts of a grateful people. He needs no monument but that which is reared in the breasts of those who loved him by the purity of his life and acts. We trust you will accept of our sentiments of sympathy, and we pray that a kindly Providence will strengthen you to bear in submission and patience this the greatest sorrow of your life. The way of Providence is sometimes mysterious to us, and we know not the why and the wherefore, but enough for us to remember that God is too good to be unkind and too wise to err. The clouds are dark and lowering around you, but these dark clouds have their silver lining, and such, we trust, will be your experience. Again expressing the deep sympathy of my council and the trades of Melbourne,

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

J. G. BARRETT, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Bendigo and District Trades and Labour Council, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

SIR,—

Bendigo, 5th May, 1893.

I am directed by the above council to convey to you our deep regret at the loss to New Zealand and the cause of legislative progression sustained by the death of your late leader, the Hon. J. Ballance.

The eyes of all lovers of humanity are at the present time turned to your Island, watching keenly the progress you are making towards the practical settlement of politico-economic questions that are hoped will better the condition of life everywhere. You to-day occupy the proud position of being the pioneers of the new movement. That the master mind should be taken from amongst you at the present time is most unfortunate. However, it is to be sincerely hoped that the principles laid down by him will be rigidly adhered to, and that nothing will occur to mar the progress of the democratic party in New Zealand.

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

DANIEL P. EGAN, Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN, May Day Demonstration, St. Kilda, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Avondale, Alma Road, St. Kilda, Melbourne, 1st May, 1893.

As chairman of the May Day Demonstration of Labour, held in Melbourne yesterday, I have the honour to transmit to you the following resolution, passed unanimously by a meeting of more than 5,000 citizens: "That this meeting of the working-classes of Melbourne deeply deplores the loss which they have suffered, in common with all workers, through the lamented death of the late Mr. John Ballance, and reverentially assure Mrs. Ballance of their deepest sympathy in her bereavement."

Permit me, dear madam, to add to this resolution the expression of my personal concern and sympathy, and the hope that the universal tribute to your late husband's greatness and worth may be of some consolation to you in your bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

MAX HIRSCH.

The SECRETARY, Victorian Operative Bootmakers' Union, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Trades Hall, Lygon Street, Carlton, 12th May, 1893.

I beg to convey to yourself and family the sincere condolence of our members at the sad death of your late husband. We feel that New Zealand has lost one of its brightest members in the decease of the late Mr. Ballance, and that labour throughout the world will feel regret at the loss of a gentleman who had the interest of the toilers so much at heart. We hope that the knowledge that your affliction is shared by all classes may have the effect of comforting you and your family.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

JOHN HYMAN, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Trades Hall, Sydney, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Trades Hall, Dixon Street, Sydney, 5th May, 1893.

By direction of the committee of the above association, I respectfully beg to convey the following resolution, passed unanimously at a meeting held on the above date: "That this association desires to place on record its appreciation of the valuable services of the late Hon. John Ballance, Premier of New Zealand, in the grandest of all causes—viz., that of the people—and desire to convey their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her recent sad bereavement."

With assurances of the deepest sympathy and regret, believe me to be, on behalf of the committee, madam,

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

ARTHUR NEWLAND, Secretary.

The Hon. SECRETARY, Riverstone Branch of Single Tax League, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Riverstone, New South Wales, 24th April, 1893.

I am directed by a unanimous vote at the last meeting of the Riverstone Branch of the Single Tax League of New South Wales to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy with you in your great bereavement, and trust that the great Creator will sustain you in this your hour of affliction.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

HENRY SAUNDERCOCK, Hon. Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Melbourne Democratic Club, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

405, Swanston Street, 21st May, 1893.

I am instructed to forward to you the following resolution passed in meeting of members assembled: "That this meeting of the members of the Melbourne Democratic Club deeply deplores the death of the Hon. John Ballance as a serious calamity to the people of New Zealand and Australia, and desires to record its recognition of the success of the consistently-radical policy which has proved so successful in New Zealand, and of which the now deceased statesman was the most distinguished exponent; and sincerely condoles with Mrs. Ballance on the severe bereavement which she has sustained."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

H. IBBOTSON, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, West Australian Trades and Labour Council, to the SECRETARY, Liberal Association, New Zealand.

MY DEAR SIR,—

Perth, W.A., 18th May, 1893.

At a meeting of the above council on Friday last the following motion was carried unanimously: "That this council forward a letter to the New Zealand Liberal Association expressing its deep sympathy with them in the loss they and advanced liberalism generally have sustained by the death of Mr. Ballance, whose unswerving devotion to the cause of the workers generally has been productive of such good results."

I was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to the Liberal Association, of which I understand you are secretary. It is needless for me to add my personal expression of regret at the loss of one who has worked so faithfully in the cause of democracy. I send you copy of the *West Australian* containing report of meeting.

Wishing your association every success,

I remain, &c.,

RICHARD HORNBY, Hon. Secretary.

The Secretary, Liberal Association, New Zealand.

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