

Hon. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Dunedin, 20th December, 1899.

I HEARTILY approve of sending second contingent, also acceptance of Armstrong's offer, as I believe nothing should be wanting on our part at the present juncture to assist the Motherland.

J. A. MILLAR.

The Premier, Wellington.

Blenheim, 21st December, 1899.

I QUITE coincide with the views of the Government in sending another two hundred mounted men to aid the Empire in the Transvaal War, but do not consider the matter of reinforcement so momentous as to necessitate embarking them until the "Waiwera" returns. I hope the Agent-General's request will be complied with, and that some of our wealthy colonists will, in the same patriotic spirit as their Australian cousins, make the Government a present of the horses required. I tender my hearty thanks to the Armstrong-Elswick Company for their generous offer.

C. H. MILLS.

The Premier, Wellington.

Helensville, 20th December, 1899.

I AM willing to support both proposals.

R. MONK.

R. J. Seddon, Premier, Wellington.

Dunedin, 20th December, 1899.

STRONGLY approve of sending another contingent. This is the time for New Zealand to show its loyalty to the Empire. Would accept the offer of the Armstrong-Elswick Company.

ARTHUR MORRISON.

Rt. Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 20th December, 1899.

I AM of opinion that New Zealand should send to South Africa, with the utmost despatch, five hundred troops, of whom two hundred should be mounted. The interests of the Empire should outweigh every other consideration. We have not hitherto done our complete duty in return for the protection of the Imperial flag. I trust Government will show same promptitude they displayed in despatch of First Contingent.

W. J. NAPIER.

Rt. Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Woodville, 20th December, 1899.

I CERTAINLY agree with Government's proposal to despatch, with the least possible delay, a second contingent; and recognise the necessity and right of the colonies to assist in every way possible the Mother-country. Advise accept offers, and despatch men and horses as expeditiously as possible, proving to the world the unanimity and loyalty of Britishers wherever located.

J. O'MEARA.

Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 20th December, 1899.

I ENTIRELY concur in New Zealand contributing to the utmost of its ability in aiding the Mother-country in the present critical affairs in the Transvaal. At the same time I cannot refrain from deploring the fatal policy England embarked on when, about 1868, it withdrew every British soldier from New Zealand, Australia, Canada, and the Cape, and ignominiously dismissed Sir George Grey from the Governorship of New Zealand, and from the service of the Empire for ever, because he protested against that policy as applied to New Zealand. I hope when the war is over England will see to it that none of her colonies shall ever be left without possessing the emblems of her military power as well as of her naval power.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

Hon. Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 19th December, 1899.

I BELIEVE in New Zealand aiding all possibly can. Whatever you do will have my hearty support, aid, and approval.

JACKSON PALMER.

Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 20th December, 1899.

GENERAL feeling here forty men and horses too little, and we should send another contingent strength of last. Whatever you do I heartily approve.

JACKSON PALMER.

Secretary to Premier, Wellington.

Palmerston North, 20th December, 1899.

My answer is decided affirmative. My eldest son anxious go. Hope be arranged.

FRED. PIRANI.

Rt. Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Christchurch, 20th December, 1899.

AGREE with you right course to send second contingent. Men eager to go. Have sent in number of applications from men in my town corps to-day. I think offer of Armstrong-Elswick Company ought to be accepted.

R. HEATON RHODES.

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Hanmer Springs, 20th December, 1899.

WILL heartily support the Government in whatever action it may take on those points submitted to me. Personally I should like to see our second contingent embrace both mounted force and either infantry or artillery; the selection is greatly limited if only mounted are selected, and our infantry and artillery will miss all chance of gaining practical experience in war. I imagine the cost of, say, one hundred mounted and two hundred unmounted men would about equal that of two hundred mounted, and would like our foot soldiers to have a show if possible. This suggestion you will have better means of valuing than I have.

G. W. RUSSELL.