

Rt. Hon. Premier.

IN reply to your memorandum, think some practical sympathy for sufferers Ottawa fire desirable, and I would strongly urge Government to take similar action to aid and alleviate sufferers by Indian famine.

Greymouth, 2nd May, 1900.

A. R. GUINNESS.

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

YES. You should take prompt action. The funds should be for the relief of distress, and to reinstate the poor in their homes.

Woodville, 2nd May, 1900.

CHARLES HALL, M.H.R.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. Seddon.

PROPOSAL *re* contributing to Ottawa Relief Fund has my approval.

Invercargill, 3rd May, 1900.

J. A. HANAN.

Rt. Hon. the Premier.

REPLY to memo., I think practical sympathy should be expressed by public subscription, and will gladly join any movement for the furtherance of such laudable work. Excuse delay on account of absence.

Rakaia, 3rd May, 1900.

C. A. C. HARDY.

R. J. Seddon, Esq., Premier.

YES, by all means. Native chiefs assembled here greatly sympathize with sufferers, and approve proposed step by your Government.

Ohinemutu, 2nd May, 1900.

HONE HEKE.

Rt. Hon. the Premier.

AM not in favour of grant out of Consolidated Fund Canadian fire. Think better left private subscriptions. No objection Government collecting that. Think any question of grant should be left till meeting of Parliament, as that is close at hand.

Te Aroha, 2nd May, 1900.

W. H. HERRIES.

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

I MOST heartily approve of the proposal to send contribution to Canada. Would also like to see shipload of produce forwarded as gift in advance to the starving people of India.

Masterton, 2nd May, 1900.

A. W. HOGG.

Rt. Hon. the Premier.

I MOST heartily concur in the proposal to send help to Ottawa for and on behalf of the people of New Zealand. I am also of opinion that a sum of money should be given towards relieving the awful distress occasioned by the Indian famine.

Carterton, 2nd May, 1900.

J. T. M. HORNSBY.

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

CONSIDER it the duty of this colony to extend practical sympathy to Canada, or any of the sister colonies, in case of distress, and thus help to cement the brotherly union which must ultimately lead to Imperial federation.

Mongonui, 2nd May, 1900.

ROBT. M. HOUSTON.

The Rt. Hon. the Premier.

IN reply to your memo. *re* contribution to sufferers by fire in Ottawa, I am distinctly of opinion the Dominion Government is quite able to deal with all immediate distress, and would therefore counsel waiting for fuller information before consenting to remission of a sum of public money, which to be adequate must be considerable.

Wellington, 2nd May, 1900.

JOHN HUTCHESON.

Hon. R. J. Seddon.

I THINK New Zealand should contribute only by public subscription, not from public fund.

Waiuku, 3rd May, 1900.

H. KAIHAU.

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

IN reply to your wire *re* Government sending contributions to Canada, it appears to me matter should be met by private subscriptions; but, if Australian Colonies are contributing, will not oppose New Zealand doing so also.

Ohaupo, 5th May, 1900.

F. W. LANG.

Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier.

REPLYING to your memo. of equal date *re* Canadian conflagration, I favour the idea of us, as a people, extending some practical help. How much do you propose should be sent?

Lyttelton, 2nd May, 1900.

GEORGE LAURENSEN.

R. J. Seddon.

WILL support your Government in sending substantial sum for purpose indicated in this telegram. Believe public opinion will also support. People are getting tired of making individual contributions.

Auckland, 2nd May, 1900.

F. LAWRY.

Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

THINK the Government should extend practical sympathy by sending contributions.

Feilding, 4th May, 1900.

F. Y. LETHBRIDGE.

Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 7th May, 1900.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your two telegrams relative to fire in Canada and the famine in India. On neither question have I any opinion to offer. During the