

We wish you god-speed on your way to that stately ceremony, the coronation of our beloved King, whither in heart we all of us follow you.

P. E. MALLETT,

Chairman, Kimberley Branch.

C. A. BLACKBEARD,

Chairman, Beaconsfield Branch.

To the Right Honourable R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

SIR,—

The members of the Kimberley Chamber of Commerce have great pleasure in tendering to you their hearty welcome on the occasion of your visit to the diamond-fields.

They have noted with the greatest interest and satisfaction the way in which New Zealand and the other Australian Colonies have nobly spent of their best in defence of the Empire during the protracted war in South Africa, and thus have assisted in proving to the world that the Mother-country cannot be attacked with impunity, but that in such an event all her children will rally round her, as they have done in the present war.

The members of the Chamber are in full sympathy with you in your advocacy of the principle of differential duties upon the importation of goods from other countries than Great Britain and her colonies, and trust ere long to see South Africa falling in with the other colonies on this most vital question.

The Chamber wish you a safe voyage to England, an enjoyable holiday, and a safe return to your home; and, lastly, they trust that your visit both to South Africa and to England will be the means of cementing the bonds of union and affection between the Mother-country and all her possessions.

Signed on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce—

W. T. ANDERSON, Chairman.

WM. F. CRANSWICK, Secretary.

Kimberley, 24th May, 1902.

From Kimberley the Premier proceeded through Cape Colony to Cape Town, where he received the following four addresses:—

To the Right Honourable Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand.

SIR,—

We, the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Cape Town, desire to convey to you a most hearty greeting and welcome on behalf of the citizens of the capital of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope.

We would take this opportunity of expressing our admiration of the patriotic devotion of the gallant citizen soldiers of New Zealand who sprung to arms ere the Empire's war-drums called for volunteers from the dominions beyond the seas.

We congratulate you and the colony you so worthily represent upon the arrival of the Tenth Contingent in South Africa. For the noble work accomplished by the New Zealand forces during the campaign we cherish the deepest regard—work which will be mentioned for all time with reverence and affection by loyal lips across the deserts and in the peopled places of our beloved land.

To yourself we feel our debt of obligation, for at a most critical time in the affairs of the Empire your outspoken prognostications so correctly represented the thoughts and feelings of the British race beyond the United Kingdom in regard to the Imperial policy in South Africa. We are conscious of the inestimable value of the services which you thus rendered to the Imperial Government, as also of the import of your action in the cause of the confederation of the Empire. You will henceforth take your place among the great statesmen of our race, who, rising above the prejudices of the age, the fears of party, and the clamour of opponents, have guarded the Throne and saved the Empire.

Your Ministerial career has commanded the esteem and admiration of this city and our nation by noble acts of disinterestedness in favour of the people of which we can scarcely find precedent, and we entertain no doubt, from the superior ability and purity of public virtue which distinguish you, of the success which will attend your labours in any extended sphere of public usefulness in which it may please His Majesty to place you.

In conclusion, we beg to assure you that our affectionate regards and our earnest wishes will follow you amidst the rejoicing welcomes which await you in the Old Country.

Given under our Common Seal, in the City of Cape Town, this 19th day of May, 1902.

W. THORNE, Mayor.

J. ROBERT FINCH, Town Clerk.

To the Right Honourable R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., &c., Premier of New Zealand.

DEAR SIR,—

We, the working-men of Cape Town and suburbs, beg to offer our sincere congratulations on your safe arrival in this colony, and bid you a very hearty welcome.

We know of the great interest you have always evinced in the welfare of the masses in the Britain of the South, and of the great esteem and confidence reposed in you as the first Minister of that democratic colony, and as the true representative of the people.

The significant fact that you are accompanied by a representative of the brave Maori people, who as good colonists share with the British people in the government of your colony, is an exemplification of the liberal policy that you and your colleagues have adopted in giving equal rights without regard to colour or birth.