

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF WEST AUSTRALIA, ETC.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR, Admiral BEDFORD, PREMIER, MEMBERS of MINISTRY, PARLIAMENT, and PEOPLE, WEST AUSTRALIA, to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Perth, 11th June, 1906.

ON behalf of His Excellency Governor, Admiral Bedford, members of Ministry, Parliament, and people of West Australia, desire to extend our sympathy in the great national loss New Zealand has sustained in the death of your Prime Minister, Mr. Seddon.

NEWTON MOORE, Premier.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND.

(Telegram.)

11th June, 1906.

SINCEREST sympathy from myself, my Government, and people of Queensland for great loss sustained by New Zealand.

CHELMSFORD, Governor of Queensland.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF FIJI.

(Telegram.)

13th June, 1906.

PLEASE express in proper quarters Fiji's regret and mine at death of Richard Seddon.

GOVERNOR, Fiji.

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD SELBORNE, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF SOUTH AFRICA.

(Telegram.)

12th June, 1906.

MY Governments of Orange River Colony and Transvaal wish to unite with me in expressions of deep regret at death of Mr. Seddon, and sympathy with people of New Zealand. I am sure that the other Governments of South Africa, with whom I have not yet had time to communicate, will wish to join with me also in expressing our sense of the great loss the Empire has sustained.

SELBORNE.

COLONIAL PREMIERS.

The PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

HAVE learned with inexpressible amazement and grief the terrible and unforeseen misfortune that has overtaken you, and with you, the people of Australasia. Ministers of the Commonwealth, on behalf of all its citizens, deeply lament our deprivation of one who by his devotion to his country, earnest patriotism, and unwavering self-sacrifice, had made himself known and appreciated throughout the whole Empire. At this moment it is impossible to do justice to the claims which he has established by a long life bravely spent up to the very moment of his decease in the public service. His statesmanship, force of character, remarkable foresight, and sound judgment enabled him to retain power for a long period and to employ his great abilities without stint or interruption to the lasting benefit of his fellow-citizens. Unhappily, as it now appears, though seeming to accomplish his tasks with inexhaustible energy and unfailing powers, he did so at the cost of a premature close of a strenuous life. His recent visit to Australia and the close personal relations which it renewed between himself and many of us further contributes to enhance a public regret in itself poignant and profound. His warmth of heart and wealth of nature endeared him alike to those who were privileged to meet him personally and to scores of thousands who honoured him as the gallant standard-bearer of a wise and progressive policy of humanism. To you and your household a shock so overwhelming must be beyond any consolation we can offer, nevertheless the sympathies of our whole people go out to you in your affliction, with the hope and prayer that in the mercy of Providence you may all be enabled to sustain the grievous weight of this personal and national calamity.

ALFRED DEAKIN.

The ACTING PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Wellington, 11th June, 1906.

MINISTERS were greatly shocked to hear the sad news that our dear chief had passed away. For the sake of those who are left be courageous. He always spoke lovingly of the great help you had been to him in the past, and I am sure he would wish you to accept God's will, and, though hard, to say, "Thy will, not mine, be done." Your dear ones here, though heartbroken, are bearing their trouble bravely.

WM. HALL-JONES.

The PREMIER, Victoria, to Mrs. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Sydney.

Melbourne, 11th June, 1906.

DEEPLY sympathize with you and family in your sudden and sad bereavement.

THOMAS BENT, Premier.