

Mr. F. LAWRY to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Ellerslie, 12th June, 1906.

My people, Parnell, ask me to convey you deep sympathy loss our great chief. Receipt intelligence there was weeping, mourning, especially my own household.

F. LAWRY.

Mr. W. F. MASSEY to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Mangere, 14th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept my sincerest sympathy with yourself and colleagues in the loss of your able and resolute chief.

W. F. MASSEY.

Mr. JOHN McLACHLAN to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

The Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Doyleston, 11th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to relatives our late chief my heartfelt regret at the painful news received to-day of his death. It is truly a national and world-wide calamity. My feelings at the present moment will not allow me to further express myself. He was a great man.

JOHN McLACHLAN.

Mr. J. A. MCPHERSON to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Bortons, 12th June, 1906.

PROFOUND regret at New Zealand's irreparable loss. Heartfelt sympathy with bereaved family in their overwhelming sorrow. Yourself and Ministers have our united sincere sympathy in this unexpected calamity.

J. A. MCPHERSON.

Mr. DONALD REID to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

DEAR SIR,—

Dunedin, 12th June, 1906.

It is with much regret that I have to acknowledge receipt of your telegram announcing the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon. Men of all political views must recognise the indefatigability that characterized him in his conduct of political affairs, and which has, I fear, paved the way for his death at a comparatively early age. He has earned for New Zealand a prestige abroad such as we have never had before, and has always shown himself manly and patriotic where the affairs of the colony were concerned.

His death is a political calamity for the colony, and removes one of the most striking political personalities the colonies have ever seen.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

DONALD REID, JUN.

Mr. R. B. ROSS to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Woodville, 11th June, 1906.

It is needless for me to tell you of my great sorrow at the sad news of our dear old chief's death.

R. B. ROSS.

Mr. A. W. RUTHERFORD to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Mendip Hills, 12th June, 1906.

WE at Mendip Hills are all very sorry to hear of the Premier's sudden death. We had the news early yesterday afternoon from Cheviot. Kindly wire me date of funeral, and if time I will attend.

A. W. RUTHERFORD.

Mr. E. M. SMITH to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

New Plymouth, 11th June, 1906.

THE loss of New Zealand's greatest leader shows that the sickle of death spares no one. Accept deepest sympathy from self and wife. New Plymouth mourns the loss. Kindly convey to bereaved relations our sympathy.

E. METCALF SMITH.

Mr. J. A. STALLWORTHY to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Auckland, 12th June, 1906.

A GREAT shock to Australasia. His Australian tour a closing chapter of triumphs in a strenuous life devoted to humanity; his death a gracious Father's loving call to peace and rest. The Lord be with you and colleagues.

JOHN STALLWORTHY.

The Hon. Sir W. J. STEWARD to the Hon. W. HALL-JONES.

(Telegram.)

Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Waimate, 11th June, 1906.

THE sad news of the Premier's sudden death received here with universal sorrow. To Lady Steward and myself it came as a great shock, and we deeply sympathise with his family in their bereavement.

WM. J. STEWARD.