

COOK COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Cook County Council Office, Gisborne, New Zealand, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that this Council, at its last meeting, did resolve, as follows: "That this Council desires to record its profound sorrow at the early decease of the late Right Hon. the Premier, and requests the Hon. the Premier to convey to the family of the deceased statesman this Council's most respectful sympathies and regrets"; and, further, "That this Council shall, as a mark of respect, adjourn its meeting for one week."

I have therefore to respectfully request that you will be so kind as to make known these resolutions to Mrs. Seddon and her family.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. H. TUCKER, Clerk.

COROMANDEL COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Coromandel, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council, to forward you copy of a resolution passed at the meeting held yesterday, and to ask you to be good enough to comply with the request contained in the latter part of resolution, *re* the transmission of same to Mrs. Seddon: "That this Council, now assembled, do place on record a tribute of deepest sympathy at the loss the Empire has sustained by the sudden bereavement of New Zealand's great Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, statesman, patriot, and philanthropist; and this Council offers its sincere condolence to his widow and family; and that this resolution be forwarded to our member, the Hon. James McGowan, for transmission to Mrs. R. J. Seddon."

The Hon. Jas. McGowan, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. SIMMONDS, County Clerk.

EGMONT COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Opunake, Taranaki, 14th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Council, to forward you the following resolution, which was passed at meeting held yesterday: "That this being the first meeting of the Council since the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, a vote of sympathy be forwarded to the Premier, the Hon. Hall-Jones, with a request that he forward same to Mrs. Seddon."

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

G. E. W. ROGERS, County Clerk.

EKETAHUNA COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

Eketahuna, 11th June, 1906.

The Chairman, Councillors, and inhabitants of the County of Eketahuna desire to express to you and your colleagues their feelings of deepest sympathy in the loss occasioned by the death of your leader, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon. The news was received here with incredulity, and upon its verification, expressions of sympathy were heard from all, irrespective of political opinion. The people of this county recognise the fact that a statesman has been lost to New Zealand whose place it will be difficult to fill, and offer their condolences to the members of the Ministry on the loss of an able leader.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. J. McLEAN, County Clerk.

FEATHERSTON COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Hinakura, 20th June, 1906.

CONVEY to Mrs. Seddon and family, on behalf people Featherston County, our deep sympathy with them in their great bereavement and the colony's irreparable loss.

A. D. McLEOD, County Chairman.

GERALDINE COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Geraldine, 21st June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction, to hand you copy of a resolution passed at a special meeting of the Geraldine County Council, held this day, with the desire that it be made known to Mrs. Seddon and her family, viz.: "That the Geraldine County Council desires to express its deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family at the great loss they have suffered by the death of the late Prime Minister, who for many years has devoted his life and great powers to the cause of New Zealand and the Empire."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. W. STUBBS, County Clerk.

GREY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Greymouth, 16th June, 1906.

I AM directed to convey to you the following resolution passed at a special meeting of the Council, held this day: *Resolved*, "That this Council, representing the inhabitants of the County of Grey, desires to express its sincere and profound regret at the unexpected death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., and Premier of our colony, by which sad event we have lost a dear and personal friend, the colony its ablest leader, and the Empire one of its builders. Our Premier's past works speak for themselves, and had he lived a few years longer we feel satisfied he would have made his beloved colony 'God's own country' even better and more famous for advanced and progressive legislation than it is. We also wish to convey to his true and faithful partner in this life, Mrs.