

Seddon, and the members of the family, our sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss they have sustained. Our beloved Premier died in harness, preferring, as he so often stated, 'To wear out rather than to rust out,' and we sincerely trust that the Almighty to Whose supreme will all must bow, will give his beloved wife and other bereaved ones strength to bear the heavy blow they have so suddenly received."

M. PHILLIPS, County Clerk.

#### HAWERA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Hawera, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of the inhabitants of the County of Hawera, I tender sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

JACOB MARX, Chairman.

#### HAWERA COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Hawera, 18th June, 1906.

I beg to inform you that at a meeting of this Council, held on Saturday last, a resolution was passed conveying to Mrs. Seddon and family its sympathy in the irreparable loss sustained by them in particular, and the colony in general, by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Following this resolution, the County Council formally adjourned, and the Chairman, Mr. J. Marx, was deputed to attend the funeral as this Council's representative.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

C. A. BUDGE, Clerk.

#### HAWKE'S BAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Napier, 11th June, 1906.

THE Hawke's Bay County Council hears with deep regret of the passing away of the late Premier. This Council, in common with the great mass in this colony, feels that his loss is one deeply to be mourned, and recognises that his services have been at all times devoted to the best interests of the colony. This Council wishes also to convey to his relatives its deepest sympathy.

MASON CHAMBERS, Chairman.

#### HOBSON COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Aratapu, 12th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon the Hobson County Council's deepest sympathy in sad bereavement.

WEBB, Chairman.

#### KAIRANGA COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Palmerston North, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that the following resolution was recorded in the minutes of this Council at its last meeting, and to ask if you would kindly convey the same to Mrs. Seddon and the family of the late Premier: "That this Council expresses its extreme regret at the sudden death of the Premier, the most remarkable man New Zealand has possessed, and desires to place on record its appreciation of his most valuable services to the colony, and its most sincere condolences with Mrs. Seddon and the members of his family."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

WALTER RUTHERFORD, Secretary.

#### KIWITEA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Kimbolton, 18th June, 1906.

RESOLUTION passed at meeting of Kiwitea County Council on Saturday, 16th instant, that this Council places on record its sense of the great loss to the colony and Empire by the untimely death of the late Premier, and offers its sincerest sympathy with the widow and family in the hour of their great affliction.

CLERK.

#### LEVELS COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,—

Timaru, 18th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Levels County Council, to forward to you the following resolution, which was passed at a special meeting of the Council held on the 16th instant, viz.: "That this Council and those it represents desire to express their sense of the great loss which the colony has sustained through the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and tenders their deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement; that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. W. Hall-Jones, as member for the district, with a request that he will convey it to Mrs. Seddon."

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

F. E. WHITEHEAD, County Clerk.

#### MACKENZIE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. William Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Fairlie, 21st June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family sincere sympathy of the Council and people of Mackenzie County.

F. D. GILLINGHAM, Chairman.