

LYTTELTON STEVEDORE UNION.

MADAM,—

Lyttelton, 14th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Lyttelton Stevedore Union to convey to you their deep grief at the death of your distinguished husband, and their hearty and sincere sympathy with you and the members of your family in your bereavement.

The death of Mr. Seddon, who was not only a great statesman but a lover of humanity and a friend of the workers, fills us with a deep sense of personal loss, and therefore we can sympathize more fully with you and yours in your affliction.

With profoundest respect,
Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,
ALF. E. PALMER, Secretary.

WELLINGTON TAILORS' UNION.

MADAM,—

Wellington, June, 1906.

We, as a body of co-workers of the City of Wellington, beg to offer our condolences to yourself and family in your great bereavement.

We have lost a champion of our cause, and mourn with you. We can only add that your bereavement will be tempered by the knowledge that his name will remain a living monument of his country—by his great and good deeds.

HENRY J. BAKER, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND FEDERATED TAILORESSES AND OTHER CLOTHING TRADE EMPLOYEES' INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dowling Street, Dunedin, 12th June, 1906.

We are instructed by the New Zealand Federated Tailoresses and other Clothing Trade Employees' Industrial Association of Workers to forward you the following resolution: "The New Zealand Federated Tailoresses in council assembled deeply regret the death of Mr. Seddon, and trust the knowledge that thousands of women mourn the colonial and national loss of a great statesman and devoted husband and father will be a source of strength and comfort to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement; we gladly testify that women workers had a staunch and true friend in the late Premier, who lost no opportunity of improving the conditions under which women worked, and with grief inexpressible we bear testimony to the memory of the sincerest friend the struggling poor have yet had in this colony."

We personally add our condolences and testimony to the worth of the late Mr. Seddon.

We remain, &c.,

WILLIAM HOOD, President.
J. T. PAUL, Vice-President.
W. M. BOLT, Vice-President.
J. BENNETT, Treasurer.
M. SELINA HALE, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

CANTERBURY TANNERS, FELLMONGERS, AND SKINNERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Breeze's Road, New Brighton, Christchurch, 11th July, 1906.

I am directed by my union to convey to you its sincere and heartfelt sympathy in your sad and sudden bereavement by the death of your late husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Realising as we do his abundant and almost unlimited good qualities in the cause of democracy, not only you, or we, but the community generally, by his death, have received a shock as inexpressible as it is profound. We trust that you will be blessed with health and strength to bear your sad burden, and that our mite of humble sympathy will help to brighten your future darkness.

Again extending to yourself and family this union's deep sympathy and condolence.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

W. E. WOODHAM, Secretary.

WELLINGTON TIMBER-YARDS AND SAWMILLS INDUSTRIAL UNION OF WORKERS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Trades Hall, Cuba Street, Wellington, 26th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the above union, embracing the whole of the Wellington Industrial District, I beg to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy in the sad bereavement that has befallen you and your family in the loss of your beloved husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Words fail to express the sincere feeling of regret felt not only by the timber-workers, but by the workers generally, at the great and irreparable loss this colony has suffered—one who was always a whole-hearted and true friend to us. His memory will always live with us.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

FRANK H. CAPON, Acting-Secretary.