

in the great affliction and bereavement which has befallen Mrs. Seddon and all her family. No words of ours can fitly describe the sorrow which we feel at the loss of one who at all times took the most kindly interest in the welfare of the Department which we represent, and we can only therefore express the hope that our small tribute of sympathy may be accepted with others to help to assuage the deep grief which has come to you.

We are, &c.,

J. K. LOGAN, Superintendent.

THOMAS ROSE, Acting-Secretary.

GEO. GRAY, Controller.

D. ROBERTSON, Acting Assistant Secretary.

W. MORRIS, Acting-Inspector.

NEW ZEALAND POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION' (CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH).

DEAR SIR,—

Telegraph Department, Christchurch, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Christchurch Branch of the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Officers' Association, I desire to tender you and your bereaved relatives our sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss you have sustained through the death of your illustrious father.

In doing so, we wish to express our grateful appreciation for the many benefits he has, during his distinguished career, conferred not only upon us, but upon the whole of the wage-earners of New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,

WALTER A. MANSELL,

Branch Secretary.

Captain R. J. S. Seddon, Wellington.

CLERICAL STAFF OF COMMANDANT'S OFFICE (DEFENCE DEPARTMENT).

Headquarters, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington,

13th June, 1906.

DEAR CAPTAIN SEDDON,—

On behalf and at the desire of the clerical staff of the Commandant's Office, I beg to tender Mrs. Seddon, yourself, and other members of your family, our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy on the lamented death of your great and good father.

With the hope that the world-wide appreciation of your noble father's distinguished services in the interests of the Empire, New Zealand, and humanity in general, may lighten the affliction of his family which they so deeply feel at his great loss, I beg to remain,

Yours, &c.,

W. E. BUTLER, Chief Clerk.

Captain R. J. S. Seddon, Wellington.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

GOVERNMENT ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BOARD.

The Hon. the Acting-Premier.

Wellington, 14th June, 1906.

MY BOARD instructs me to advise you that at a meeting of the General Board of the office held to-day it was resolved to place on record the Board's sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the Government and the people of New Zealand by the death of the late Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon.

P. HEYES, Superintendent.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wanganui, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of myself and the other members of the Education Department I wish to express our deep grief at the irreparable loss the country and the Department have suffered by the death of the Minister.

G. HOGGEN.

BOYS' TRAINING-FARM, LEVIN.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Levin, 11th June, 1906.

THE staff and inmates desire to express their great grief and sorrow at the loss of their Minister and friend, the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon.

G. M. BURLINSON, Manager.

MELBOURNE EXECUTIVE OF NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Melbourne, 16th June, 1906.

RESOLUTION profound regret death Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, President Exhibition; sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family their sad and irreparable bereavement.

EXHIBITION COMMISSIONERS.