

death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand and Minister of Education, and also to convey to Mrs. Seddon, her family, and relations our deepest sympathy with them in their irreparable loss. His statesmanlike and genial qualities have endeared his name to all classes, and his warm interest and influence in matters connected with education and the general welfare of the community will ever serve to help to keep in remembrance one of the foremost politicians of the British Empire."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

D. WISHART, Hon. Secretary.

GRAFTON DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 19th July, 1906.

I am directed by the Committee of the Grafton District High School, Auckland, to convey to you their sincere sympathy in the recent irreparable loss to yourself and family and also to the people of New Zealand in the removal by death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

JOHN B. PATERSON, Secretary.

GREYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and family, Wellington.

Greymouth, 13th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Greymouth School Committee accept their heartfelt sympathy in the great loss you have sustained. As a man and Minister of Education my Committee feel they have lost a true and valued friend.

H. BIGNELL, Chairman.

GREY EDUCATION BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 12th June, 1906.

At the regular meeting of the Grey Education Board held on the 11th instant the following resolution was carried in silence, all the members standing: "That this Board expresses its profound grief and regret at the loss sustained by the colony through the lamentable death of the Prime Minister, the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon; that the heartfelt sympathy of the members be tendered to his noble wife in her calamity, and they pray the Almighty to comfort and sustain the relatives in their hour of affliction." The Board then adjourned.

C. F. DANIEL, Secretary.

HAMILTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and family, Wellington.

Frankton Junction, 21st June, 1906.

HAMILTON District High School expression of sympathy.

S. KNIGHT, Chairman.

HOKITIKA HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Hokitika, 14th June, 1906.

I beg to forward the following resolution that was passed at a meeting of the Board of Governors yesterday: "That this Board places on record its deep sense of the great loss this colony and the Empire sustains by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., who, as Minister of Education, has done so much in that Department for the benefit of the people, and that its deepest sympathy and condolence be extended to Mrs. Seddon and family in their irreparable loss."

The members, in common with whole of the people on the Coast, feel keenly the loss they have sustained and hope that these expressions of sincere sympathy may help you to bear up against the blow that has so suddenly come upon you.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

CHAS. KIRK, Secretary.

HUNUA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Seddon and family.

Hunua, 22nd June, 1906.

THE Hunua School Committee wish to place on record our sorrow at the great loss of the late Premier, Minister of Education and the children's friend.

This Committee tender to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy, trusting the great Ruler of the Universe will give strength to bear their irreparable loss.

The many things the late Minister of Education has done for the cause of the children will keep his memory evergreen, and we sincerely hope this will help to assuage your grief.

Yours, &c.,

T. Y. LOCKWOOD, Secretary.