

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND MERCANTILE INSTITUTIONS.
(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

WELLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 12th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, I desire to express its deep regret at the loss the colony and Empire have sustained through the death of the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

He has died in the service of his country after many years of strenuous labour spent in promoting the welfare of his fellow-colonists and the solidarity of the Empire.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

G. SHIRTCLIFFE, President.

AUCKLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,—

20th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the Council of this Chamber held to-day, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That the Council of the Auckland Chamber of Commerce places on record its recognition of the great loss sustained by this colony and the Empire generally through the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., and begs to extend to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincerest sympathy in their sad bereavement."

I am, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

H. J. DENNISTON, Secretary.

DEVONPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

DEAR SIR,—

Devonport, 20th June, 1906.

My Chamber has passed the following motion of sympathy: "That this Chamber places on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and expresses its deep sympathy with his family and the people of New Zealand."

My Chamber desires you to convey this expression of sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. P. HEFFERNAN, Secretary.

EKETAHUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Eketahuna, 14th June, 1906.

RESOLUTION passed meeting last night: "That the Eketahuna Chamber of Commerce records its deep sense of the loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, and that this Chamber conveys to Mrs. Seddon and family its deepest sympathy with them in their sad bereavement."

BEDDING, Secretary.

FEILDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

DEAR SIR,—

Feilding, 12th July, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that, at the last meeting of the above Chamber, the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting records regret at the sudden death of the late Premier, and respectfully begs to tender its sympathy to the bereaved widow and family; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, with the request that he will be pleased to convey the same to Mrs. Seddon."

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

A. G. CARTY, Secretary.

HAWERA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,—

Hawera, 16th June, 1906.

At the commencement of the ordinary meeting of the committee of the Hawera Chamber of Commerce held yesterday afternoon the following resolution was passed: "That this Chamber of Commerce places on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the late Prime Minister of the Colony, and extends to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family heartfelt sympathy in their loss."

The committee will be obliged if you will convey the resolution to Mrs. Seddon.

After the passing of this resolution the Chamber adjourned for one week out of respect for the deceased statesman.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

JAMES FOY, Secretary.