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MASTERTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SIR,-Masterton, 15th June, 1906.

I have the honour to advise you that this Chamber at its meeting to-day adopted the following resolution, on the motion of the President, and immediately adjourned: "That the Masterton Chamber of Commerce places on record its sincere sympathy with the family of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Prime Minister, whose sudden death can only be regarded as a colorial and national calamity. The Chamber also expresses its appreciation of the last great work accomplished in arranging for a reciprocal tariff with our Australian neighbours."

The Hon. the Acting-Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c., J. C. Boddington, Secretary.

NELSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Nelson, 14th June, 1906. SIR,-

I have the honour, by direction of the Nelson Chamber of Commerce, to forward the following copy of a resolution passed at a recent general meeting of the Chamber: "That this meeting desires to record its deep sense of the loss which the colony has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon, a man who has for so many years directed the affairs of the colony with eminent courage, energy, and ability. The Chamber ventures to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family its earnest sympathy with them in their bereavement which, however, they trust may in some measure be softened by the universal appreciation of the inestimable and abiding services which Mr. Seddon has rendered his country."

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c., J. W. Harris, Secretary.

OAMARU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Acting-Premier, Wellington. Oamaru, 12th June, 1906. CHAMBER Commerce passed the following resolution at annual meeting this evening: "That this Chamber expresses its sincere regret at the great loss sustained by the colony through the sudden death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and it assures the members of the Cabinet of its deep sympathy with them in the removal of their esteemed colleague and leader."

W. H. Rose, President.

PAHIATUA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Pahiatua, 19th June, 1906. PLEASE express deepest sympathy of Pahiatua Chamber Commerce with Mrs. Seddon and family. WILLIAM TOSWILL, President. A. G. Cross, Secretary.

PALMERSTON NORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

DEAR SIR,-Palmerston North, 19th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that this Chamber of Commerce at a special meeting held yesterday passed the tollowing resolution: "That this Chamber desires to place on record its recognition of the splendid self-sacrificing services of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon to New Zealand and the Empire over a long series of years, and desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of the family its heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement."

I am directed to ask you to kindly convey same to Mrs. Seddon and the other members of the Believe me, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting Prime Minister, Wellington.

G. Hirsch, Secretary.

PATEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington. Patea, 12th June, 1906. PATEA Chamber of Commerce mourns loss of most Imperial statesman of his day. ROSSITER, President.

TARANAKI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Telegram.) The Acting-Premier, Wellington. New Plymouth, 12th June, 1906. PROFOUND regret and sympathy with the family at the untimely decease of our late Premier. JAMES C. GEORGE, President.