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OLD POST OFFICE CLOCK TOWER



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This is the Clock Tower on the corner of Arawa Street and Fenton Street's in Rotorua.

It's currently part of the Information Centre for tourists and visitors coming to the city.

This building first opened in June 1914. The building has two floors and is built with cement, plaster and decorative timber.

The town clock was built in memory of Richard John Seddon, New Zealand's longest standing Prime Minister.

The building has seen many uses over the years. It was once the main Post Office, the base for the Rotorua branch of the Ministry of Transport and now serves largely as a souvenir shop for the Information Centre.

FACTS

- There are 5 solid brass bells in the tower weighing 2.5 tonnes in total
- The bells were silent for about 30 years and in 2014 the decision was made to reinstate them. You can now hear the sound of chimes every 15 minutes and the bells ring every hour
- Richard Seddon held the position of Premier (Prime Minister) for thirteen years between 1893 and 1906



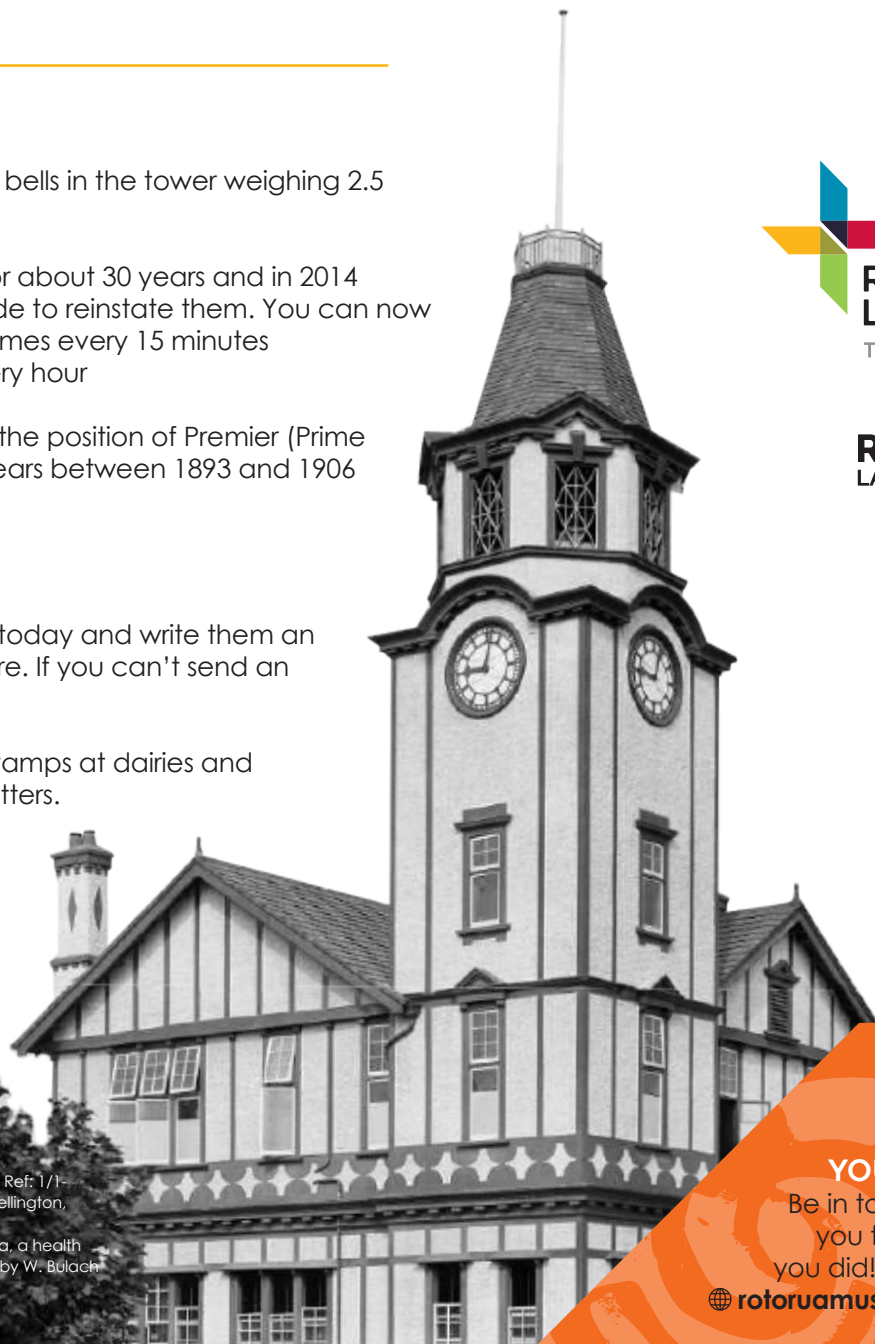
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