Victoria, Friday, April 19.

MR. McPHILLIPS' LETTER.

In a letter to the Colonist of this mornletter of Mr. Wilson, published in the Times a few days ago, and says by way him the names if he wants them. He of apology for writing to our contempor- hunts through Haldimand for a candi-

"At first I felt that I would say nothing, as I am averse to controversy through newspapers, but on second thought I decided to write a reply to the same paper that his letters appeared in, appeared. The reason for its non-appearance I cannot say-there may be a perfectly good one-perhaps my manuscript was not readable, as I dashed off the letter. However, as to this I leave the Times to make answer."

Mr. McPhillips' letter was sent to the so we must suppose it realizes the hope-Times through the postoffice. Inadvertently the writer had not stamped it sufficiently, and the letter was held at the postoffice until the Times was notified and the postage was paid. For this reason the letter was not received, at the Times office until 2 p.m. yesterday. Then it was discovered that the handwriting was so bad-almost as execrable as the argument-that time was necessary to decipher it, and on account of the pressure of other work it was decided to hold it over until to-day. It appears, as correctly as we can make it, in another column

The Times' columns are free to every person to discuss public questions, and if letters are sometimes thrown aside, or are not immediately published, there is always a good reason for the rejection or delay.

VERY "DEEPLY INTERESTED."

The organ, after ten days' meditation. has summoned enough courage to refer to Messrs. Earle's and Prior's "lapsi linguae" at the quarterly meeting of the board of trade. The utterances of these ordinary but common sense. After such stroy British industries. I would not say concede that the manuscript was not reada long period of incubation it is not sur- that there is not a pound or ounce of able." That is all that the Times said. prising that the product should be very foreign goods imported into this country We may add that in order to do Mr. Mcbut a cock and bull story about a charter discovered place within these islands. in the Colonist. and a company." This may be "com- Unfortunately for that argument every mon sense" according to the view of the pound and ounce of gold in this country Colonist, but a majority of the Victorians will agree with Mr. William Wilson and Captain Irving in describing it as English goods. The foreigner does not something very different. "Those most send us goods for nothing. He sends deeply interested in the enterprise" are the people of Victoria, and had it not been for the opposition of Messrs. Earle and Prior, the people would have declared through the board of trade that it was simple explanation of this problem "judicious to ask parliament to help it." The British Pacific is not a private enterprise; it will not be built by the own- ard Vincent to declare that we shall ers of the charter, who are asserted by never have prosperity in this country the organ to be those "most deeply inter- unless we impose import duties on goods ested" in it, but by foreign capitalists, coming here. These import duties would the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia. If we have to they are designed unless they proportion-"deeply interested" gentlemen, Messrs. Earle and Prior, who are part owners of the charter-judging them by their "common sense" utterance above quoted -the British Pacific will never be built. Mr. Earle, it is well known to the business men of the city, takes a pessimistic view of the project, as in fact he does of many other projects that have for their object the development of the country, while Mr. Prior is probably in the company for what can be made out of itfrom the sale of the charter. Such men, we submit, cannot be "more deeply in- thought. Their hopes seem to have very terested" in the project than other citizens who have businss interests at stake and who are earnestly anxious for the development of the country. Our representatives' "interest" is not so deep that they cannot sacrifice it at any moment when the political interests of their

THE HALDIMAND CONTEST.

friends at Ottawa conflicts therewith.

The News-Advertiser is amusingly anxious to make a point against the Liberals in respect of the Haldimand election. It finds that they are "making desperate efforts to defeat the Hon. W H. Montague." and that they are breaking through the custom of allowing ministers to be re-elected by acclamation on their accepting office. The fact is that opposition to Dr. Montague comes from the McCarthyite and not the Liberal party. At the nomination proceedings last Wednesday Dalton McCarthy said, according to the Mail and Empire report: "He did not disclaim having pressed Mr. Jeffrey McCarthy to enter the field, at the solicitation of some of the electors in the county of Haldimand who (the speaker's) views to oppose Dr. Montague." The Toronto World report of

new minister to be elected by acclama. through an inquiry in the house, but we Mr. Wilson wants the province to pros-

personally intervened and asked that the hon, gentleman should be elected by acclamation. I am glad to think that the Liberals of Haldimand now promise to return the same courtesy. But just at that moment my friend, Mr. McCarthy, personally intervenes and, very friendly ing, Mr. A. E. McPhillips replies to the as he is to me, he hunts in Hamilton for a candidate to oppose me. He hunts for a candidate in Toronto. I can give date, but finally found himself obliged to select a member of his own firm. don't know whether he comes under compulsion or not."

The News-Advertiser further says that Mr. Joseph Martin, of Manitoba, and the Times, but so far my letter has not Mr. Israel Tarte, of Quebec, were in Haldimand helping Mr. McCarthy, while as a matter of fact neither one of them has been near the county. The News-Advertiser draws fearfully and wonderfully on its imagination when it sees a The Times makes answer as follows: chance of misrepresenting the Liberals, lessness of winning the political fight with fair weapons. The struggle in Haldimand has been between Dalton Mc-Carthy and the government, and if Dr. Montague is defeated-which is not at all likely-the significance of the event will lie in the evidence that the McCarthyite strength is growing at the expense of the Conservative party.

BRITAIN'S TRADE POLICY. Mr. Asquith, home secretary in the

Rosebery cabinet, recently took the

trouble to offer the following comments on the scheme of a few men who want to re-establish protection in Great Britain, having reference more particularly to Col. Howard Vincent: "He and his followers are among the people who bestruction of the British Pacific," and to think that we pay out of a reserveir How he makes return for this is imported also, and has to be paid for also. We pay for our foreign goods by them in exchange for English goods exported abroad or-and this is the explanation of the balance—to pay the interest on British capital which has been invested abroad. That is the whole and very which vexes the minds of the protectionists, and leads gentlemen like Mr. Howbe of no effect for the purpose for which wait for something to be done by those ately raise the price of commodities, otherwise the English producer would derive no advantage. In other words, they must diminish the actual sterling value of every shilling of wages which is paid to the workmen in this country. That question goes to the root of our fiscal system. It is an attempt to revive the failures under which British trade languished until it was emancipated by Cobden and Bright." There are people in Canada who prophesy that Britain will be foolish enough to return to protection, apparently for no other reason than that the wish is father to the slight foundation.

> The Colonist has at last discovered that Mr. Fitzsimmons has been re-appointed deputy warden of Westminster penitentiary. It also makes another remarkable discovery, which it sets forth as follows:

"We are advised that no political pressure of any kind has been applied to promote the reinstatement of Mr. Fitzsimmons. It was done on the recommendation of the new inspector of prisons, Mr. Douglas Stewart. The matter was referred to him, and he, after examining the evidence and studying the report of the commissioner, found that Mr. Fitzsimmons was not guilty of the charges of personal dishonesty brought against him, and he recommended his

reinstatement." Nobody that we know of has attributed the re-appointment of Mr. Fitzsimmons to "political pressure." But the statement in reference to the inspector other nonsensical statements offered in connection with the affair. There is only one conclusion to be derived from the found any other conclusion it was only

tion. When Hon. Mr. Harcourt, pro- are afraid some of the details are so vineial treasurer, was made a minister, I well hidden that no question in the house will reach them.

> The Colonist seems to be laboring under the impression that it is an authority on manners. Our neighbor has in its time made many queer mistakes, but this is the most absurd of all.

A contemporary quotes some interesting statistics regarding the wages paid in the countries of Europe. In France workmen work 10 hours a day for 18 shillings per week; in Austria they work 14 hours a day for 15 shillings; in Germany they work 12 hours a day for 14 shillings a week; in Belgium, 16 hours a day for 15 shillings a week, and in free trade great Britan, 10 hours a day for 22 shillings a week. And yet the Conservative papers are trying to make out

The "organ" talks about "the roorback of the Times relative to the language alleged to have been used by Messrs. Earle and Prior at the recent Board of | trine, and in so doing protection is given Trade meeting." This very feeble method of defending the two recalcitrants will hardly suffice. Messrs. Earle and uted to them, the best evidence of which ury and what she has received back by is afforded by the fact that they did not repudiate it. The Colonist must be credited for a certain amount of shrewdness in perceiving that the members' language is most damaging to them, but it requires an organ without conscience to employ the Ananias method as it does in defence of its masters.

Mr. McPhillips is seeking notoriety lieve that because there is a larger through martyrdom, It is sufficient to amount of foreign goods imported into say, in reply to his ill-tempered letter this country than English goods export- this morning, that our explanation of ed from it, England and English trade the day's delay in publishing his letter in are going to the dogs. They seem to the Times, was absolutely correct, and imagine that the foreigner, out of a kind was made at his invitation. There has and perverted benevolence, sends us a been no "insult," gratuitous or other. It number of goods which we do not pay is quite true he stamped his letter, but for, and of which he makes us a present, insufficiently, and hence the delay in reand he does this from a sinister desire ceiving it. As to the character of his zentlemen are declared not to be extra- to undermine British trade and to de- chirography, he says: "I was willing to much addled. Mr. Earle said "no bona in any year for which we do not pay, Phillips full justice a proof of his letter Full House Greet the Amateurs and fide company had been formed for the but how do we pay? Some people seem was sent to him before publication. Mr. Prior declared "there was nothing of gold which is to be found in some un- any person can see by reading his letter

The Westminster Columbian says: 'Mr. James Fitzsimmons arrived from Ottawa to-day to assume the duties of the verification enough for the Colonist, which for some reason has not yet published the news or commented on the ed as deputy warden of the B. C. penitentiary after having been dismissed on the strength of a royal commission report? It seems that the Vancouver World has reported Chief Justice Davie as asserting that Fitzsimmons' reinstatement "had been decided on by the late premier and minister of justice, Sir John Thompson, and that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper was but carrying out the intentions of his predecessor." If Chief Justice Davie made any such statement he was evidently talking nonsense, for Sir John Thompson was not likely to have entertained the idea of reinstating a man whom he had but recently dismissed for misconduct.

MR. McPHILLIPS REPLIES.

To the Editor:-It is not my intention o enter into a newspaper controversy with Mr. Wilson upon the state of trade. The relative positions, i.e., Canada's position as against United States, is all in favor of the United States, according to Mr. Wilson's view, and he quotes figures to show it. In due time and upon proper occasion this matter will be dealt with. Not that in making only a passing reference to what has been stated do I admit the view pronounced; on the contrary I hold otherwise. Then again Mr. Wilson is unmindful of the fact that the depression was some time in reaching Canada, and the further fact that he is now giving figures at a time when trad- were hardly prepared for the high staners who were long staggering have been forced to succumb. To say that Cana- part requires more real hard work than da has not stood the depression and is not still weathering the storm better than | don was equal to it. the United States is to speak without having knowledge of the facts. Mr. Wilson is fond of referring to the superior advantages of the United States. ask him to give closer attention to the relative positions of the two countries and he will find that whilst the United States has been suffering from a paralysis of trade, and her farmers selling their produce for a song, their exports falling off, their banks failing, Canada has maintained her credit, and although suffering and naturally during the depression, has increased her exports. Then Mr. Wilof prisons transcends in nosense all the son speaks of the great drain upon our people of this province, viz., \$125,000 per month. Has he stopped to consider the vast sum per annum returned to the proevidence given at the inquiry, namely, ages that accrue to the province from that Mr. Fitzsimmons was guilty of forming part of the Dominion? Then, desired a person sympathizing with his gross misconduct. If Mr. Stewart has again, what were this province's exports and imports during the year just closed? through pressure from superiors. The Before the advent of the C. P. R., viz., Dr. Montague's speech has this passage: Colonist says all information in regard in 1880; exports were \$2,891,811; im-

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We all do. But will free trade Casad, Tory Penketh, Ella Whitelaw bring relief? What about the farmer? Ethel St. Clair, Flossie Jackson, Celia that the people of Great Britain ar. When in Argentine wheat can be grown Tugwell, May King, Emma Johnson worse off than the people of other coun- for 27 cents, cheap bread would mean and Lily Lyons. This was one of the starvation to them. What we want and many pleasing features of the evening, what the Conservative party have in the | the little dancers having been perfectly past demonstrated their desire to do, is trained by Mrs. Lang. They were fre development of the resources of the quently encored and gracefully respondcountry, and the Conservative party is ed. introducing something new each time. the party that still proclaims that doc- A skirt dance by Mrs. Herbert Kent. to the industries of the country, inclusive of the agricultural industry. I wouldask Mr. Wilson to add up some figures and place them before us: What British Prior used precisely the language attrib- Columbia has paid into the federal treas- lighting effects were more fully appreciated. way of subsidies and in public works? I have not added up these figures but I fear me the result will not please Mr. Wilson. Then, of course, when the total is arrived at, see what has been paid out for Dominion administration within the province. And then again, of course we must allow something for the general administration of Canada, I do not wish to disparage British Columbia, as I believe she will be the premier province yet, considering her possible precious mineral output yet to come; but the pro-

A. E. McPHILLIPS. IL TROVATORE BY AMATEURS

vinces are in partnership. Has British

Columbia failed to receive fair treat-

ment? I leave it to the people.

Very Creditable Performance of Verdi's Grand Opera at the Victoria.

Show Their Appreciation of Them.

The presentation by amateurs of Verdi's grand, opera "Il Trovatore", cause fully up to the expectations of the large audience that crowded the Victoria deputy warden of the penitentiary." Is theatre last night. As a whole the performance was decidedly creditable to the management and those who took part, every detail that could tend to its success having been carefully looked after. fact that Fitzsimmons has been reinstat- There were those who thought that the amateurs had undertaken too heavy task when they decided to present so difficult an opera, and at times during the earlier part of the performance it looked as though they were right. There was a little nervousness manifest on the part of the performers during the first two acts, but that was only natural and soon wore off. The stage setting was very good and the costumes were pretty and in good taste. Added to this were the beautiful effects that can be produced by the new lighting system of the theatre, making very pretty scenes. The choruses showed that the directors and singers had done some hard and conscientious work, those rendered behind the scenes, under the direction of Mr. William Greig be ing particularly good. Mr. Eurick, the musical director, also had his choruses well under control. Miss Laura Agnew as Leonora acted

and sang the difficult part very well. She has a very sweet voice, which was heard to advantage. She also showed that she had paid a great deal of attention to the acting that is so necessary in the part.

Mrs. Arrowsmith had a minor part to which she did full credit. Azucena, the gypsy, was portrayed by Mrs. A. C. Sheldon in a manner that would have done credit to many professionals. She was free from any stage fright or nervousness, and in that way did much to assist the more nervous performers. Both her acting and singing surprised even her most sanguine friends. who although expecting much from her on account of her previous perfomances dard which she reached last night. The any other in the opera, and Mrs. Shel-

Mr. Algernon Aspland's splendid voice was well suited for the part of Manrico, which he both sang and acted well. His recent illness, which came very near preventing him taking the part, handicapped him to a certain extent, but he nevertheless added new laurels to those he has won as a concert singer.

Ruiz, a minor part, was done full credit to by Mr. F. H. Lang. Mr. Herbert Kent, who has many times appeared before Victoria audiences in lighter operas, fully maintained ais reputation. The only fault the audience had to find with him was that he was not heard oftener.

Count di Luna, Mr. W. Edgar Buck,

was of course, an old hand, free from any nervousness. He was in good voice and sang and acted his part in the forcible manner which it required. Attention had also been paid to the orchestra, so that there was no poor music to cause a flaw in the perform-

"It is usual, said the speaker, for a to the appointment will be secured ports, 8880,226. I have no doubt act a gypsy dance was introduced, the Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder During the gypsy scene in the second participants being little Misses Emma

premiere danseuse, and Misses Amy Wolff, Ethylde McMicking, Maude Mc Micking, K. Johnson, Amy and Sadie Pauline was very gracefully presented. It was during these dances that the

The chorus comprised the following well-known vocalists: Misses Stephens, Wolff, Robinson, Duffie, Hutcheson, Eccles, Cusack, Johnston, Bowden, Gaudin, McTaggart, White, Austin, Brown, Baker and Nicholson, Mrs. H. Kent, Mrs. T. Johnston, Mrs. Buck, the Misses McMicking and the Misses Pauline; Messrs. Findlay, Pemberton, Meiss, Sherbourne, Hutcheson, Jacob, Quentin, Fuller, Oliver, Fisher, Wheeler, Baynton, Greenwood, McNicholl, Johnston, Clive, Wooton, Pilling, Thomas, Martin Cave. Evans. Maynard, Boyle, White Shedden and Sidey.

Much of the credit for the successful manner in which the details were carried out is due to the committee of management, composed of the following gentlemen: Musical director, Mr. Eurick; conductor on stage, Mr. W. Greig; Mr. W. Edgar Buck, stage director and general manager; Mr. Herbert Kent, busines manager; Mr. S. Y. Wooton, stage manager: Mr. Geo. Shedden. secretary; Mr. E. White.

The opera is an old one, but nevertheless still popular. It is described in the programme as follows: An old gypsy woman is seized and burned alive for having bewitched the Count di Luna's nfant son. Azucena, the daughter of the gypsy, to be revenged, steals the Count di Luna's son and burns him, as she fancies, on the same pile with her mother. She is horrified, however, at finding that she has thrown her own child by mistake into the flames. The desire for vengeance becomes the sole object of her life. The count's child is brought up as her own under the name of Manrico. As he advances in years, he distinguishes himself in the wars, and carries off the prize at a tournament, where he is crowned by Leonora, with whom he falls in love, and who loves him in return. The reigning Count di Lune, elder brother of the stolen child, is also in love with Leonora, who rejects him for Manrico, which fires the count's jeaiousy. A report of Manrico's death reaches Leonora, who resolves to pass her days in a convent. The count attempts to carry her off, when Manrice interposes and prevents him. The castle in which the lovers find shelter, is stormed by the count and taken: and Manrico, being made prisoner, is condemned to die. Azucena is apprehended, as being recognized as the gypsy who burnt the count's brother, is adjudged to be burnt alive. In exchange for her lover's pardon Leonora promises her hand to the count, but to prevent the marriage takes poison. She flies to the prison to liberate Manrico, who suspecting the terms by which his freedom is secured, rejects her offer. Too late he discovers she has sacrificed herself for him. The count, infuriated by the deceit practised upon him, orders Manrico to instant execution, and leads Azucena to behold her son's decapitation. His exultation is converted into horror when told that the victim is his own brother, and the gypsy is avenged for her mother's murder. Il Trovatore will be presented again to-night, and on Saturday afternoon

houses should greet both performances. HOTEL RAYMOND BURNED.

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The Hotel Raymond was built in 1884 by Walter Raymond, of the Raymond & Whiteomb Excursion Company, which has hotels in New England and Colorado also. The great building stood on an eminence overlooking the San Gabriel valley. The cost of the building was almost a half million dollars, and the furniture cost \$50,000. The building and furniture were insured for \$200,000 in Boston, New. York and San Francisco companies.

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