The Colonist.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1900.

A WISE CONCLUSION. (From Wednesday's Daily Colonist.)

Colonist is aware the only public meeting and the result as the beginning of bet ter things in British Columbia. The efgard the result as the beginning of the ter things in British Columbia. The effect will be felt all over the province, and the man to whom the news will be behalf of the government before the most unwelcome will be Mr. Joseph to the Dominion government. This, we about an election and that he would take about an election and that he would take about an election and that he would take all time necessary to get ready for it. He even went so far as to claim that he could earry on affairs by special warrant being allowed him. We do not know the news will be Mr. Joseph to the Dominion government. This, we about an election and that he would take all time necessary to get ready for it. He even went so far as to claim that he could earry on affairs by special warrant being allowed him. We do not know the news will be mrs. The colonist desires to place on record its protest against any further time being allowed him. We do not know the news will be mrs.

for a better state of things than British Columbia has experienced since the summer of 1898.

MR. MARTIN'S POSITION.

At present Mr. Joseph Martin is leader without a party. Yet a number of He makes no consciouency of his hope that the Conservative page will have been a successful to the conservative page will have been that the Conservative page will be able to do so, and the labor vote. We do not believe he will be able to do so, and it is possible that in the event of a party-lines fight being insisted upon by the Conservatives, Liberal and Maring consisted will be able to do so, and it is possible that in the event of a party-lines fight being insisted upon by the Conservatives, Liberal work of the constituency. If the constituency is a constituency of the conservative will be able to do so, and it is not an excent personal to the constituency and the constituency of the conservatives. Liberal work of the constituency of the conservative will be able to do so, and the laboration of constituency of the conservative will be able to do so, and the laboration of constituency. The constituency of the conservative will be able to do so, and the laboration of the constituency of the constituency. The constituency of the constituenc

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sible for the gift of ten unusana acres of coal lands to the New Vancouver Coal lands to the New Vancouver Coal Company, makes in the News-Advertiser a defence of the transaction, substantially amounting to the claim that the coal ly amounting to the claim that the coal company had really acquired a sort of title and the letters patent were simply confirmation of it. A more hollow pre-tonfirmation of it. Somewhat remarkable that almost simultaneously with the action of the government in giving the coal company the land, for this alleged reason, the counsel for the government, who was company the land for this alleged reason, the counsel for the government, who was also counsel for the coal company, was counted ing quite the contrary before the court. The history of the litigation is brief, but renders the point somewhat clearer than it otherwise would be. An action was pending betwen the E. & N.

The New Vancouver Coal Mining action was pending betwen the E. & N.

The New Vancouver Coal Mining Company claim that prior thereto the company claim that prior thereto the company claim that prior thereto the contrary before the contending quite the contrary before the contrary of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay, the contrary before The New Vancouver Coal Mining of the people, and we are not disposed to regard a similar step on the part of the federal parliament with any greater that was involved. Mr. Davis, of Vancouver, was retained by the last named company. The province intervened in the suit, contending that the property in dispute belonged to neither of the litigants but to the crown, and asked for an injunction to restrain the further prosecution of the crown, and asked for an injunction to restrain the further prosecution of the litigants of the people, and we are not disposed to regard a similar step on the part of the federal parliament with any greater degree of approval.

It has been said by some that we ought to be careful about referring to the federal parliament with any greater degree of approval.

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to restrain the further prosecution of the As to whether or not that is conveyed country, not its political affairs. Mr. between exhibiting a formal respect to suit until the claim of the crown was decided. This was granted and from this concealment, a matter of doubt, I can the railway company appealed. On the argument Mr, Davis appeared for the argument Mr, Davis appeared for the argument of the crown and a concealment, a matter of doubt, I can those who ought to be unified in opposite the railway company appealed. On the argument Mr, Davis appeared for the argument of the day and give the covernment of the covernmen the railway company appealed. On the argument Mr. Davis appeared for the and they are different; and what may be held by a court will only be known that he had also represented the coal company. We quote below a portion of his argument from the official steno-flis argument to remember that he had also represented the coal company. We quote below a portion of his argument from the official steno-flis argument from the decision, of course, is given.

But I think it is putting the matter for him and they are different; and

Then he takes the determined the latest the latest the brushes aside as utterly untenable. He brushes aside as utterly untenable. He brushes aside as utterly untenable. pany took a title to the land under the Hudson's Bay deed. He says the utmost the coal company can claim is that they enjoyed any right of mining under the sea which the Hudson's Bay Com- Lieutenant-Governor refers to the proro-The Conservative Association adjourn- pany had exercised; but this he admits gation speech and says that he does not

consider just how far these defences go and what they amount to. Of course, as your Lordships understand, in plead-ing the defendants set up all defences

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fences set up by the coal company and disposes of them in very short order. He teils the court that "of course the defendants set up all the defences that they can possibly think there is any chance of relying on." That is "any old" defence will do, as there may be a chance of making it stick.

But now we come to the first defence weeks have elapsed since Mr. Martin was shortened by a head. And to come was asked to form a cabinet, and he fan to yet succeeded in doing so. We fence by long odds of those that are set any say without disparaging either of them is a list colleagues that neither of them is a gentleman to whom the people of this in the history of every free people when any lod" defence will do, as there may old" defence will do, as there may old belong to the Dominion. And of course; as the Esquimant to whom the people of this in the history of every free people when any lod" defence will do, as there may be a chance of making it stick.

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THE NEEDS OF THE PROVINCE. tions on at an early day, he intends to

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Tarte apparently means it to be under pint of water. I thought there was no possed upon true board was a reasonable extent must be given board was a reasonable one, and house, I couldn't work or sleep, and needed lines, and preferably this assistance of the proposition of t any redistribution measure passed upon true British Columbian. We are now ance ought to take the form of a guarany redistribution measure passed upon by a legislative body; but there is a under the personal government of Lieu of bonds, with such supervision by the thany redistribution measure passed under the personal government of Lieuby a legislative body; but there is a
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in a manner that will save the province.

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It is imperative that provincial autonocourt, and it completely answers the count carry on anairs by special watten. We do not know my shall be preserved. At present it is claim of justification set up by Mr. Cot- even though the house did not meet until that the protest will do any good, in journal of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of a large majority of the shabby manner in which this provents of the shabby manner in which the shabby manner in whi Martin.

Claim of justineation set up by Mr. Out. August. There is not the least occasion. Ephraim, as represented by the Lieu- in jeopardy. The Lieutenant-Governor in jeopardy. The Lieutenant-Governor in jeopardy. The Colonist feels rewarded for the effort it has made to prevent the well-meant but mistaken labors of the advorment but mistaken labors of the advorment of party-lines from succeeding. It is fences to that. We can really divide sentiments of the great majority of the sentiments of the great majority of the conservative party. We feel more encouraged than ever to make the strong-meant but mistaken labors of the great majority of the conservative party. We feel more encouraged than ever to make the strong-meant but mistaken labors of the great majority of the conservative party. We feel more encouraged than ever to make the strong-meant but mistaken labors of the great majority of the conservative party. We feel more encouraged than ever to make the strong-meant but mistaken labors of the advorment in this matter. He does not make the lieutenant-Governor, seems wedded to his intended to his intentions. It is the appointee of the federal governor, seems wedded to his incomplete that the people of this proving the appointee of the federal governor, seems wedded to his incomplete that the people of this proving the place they be can there not be a union of effort to carry it into effect? If it is four on five time paid four or five time paid four couraged than ever to make the strong est fight in our power for better government, and we hope that it will now be possible to unite all the opponents of Mr. Martin, all those who hold correct views of responsible government and all who aim to restore settled business conditions in the province, in a grand effort for a better state of things than British for a be der these circumstances the only concluchoice between filling up his cabinet al issue now before the province, that affairs without interference from the federal authorities.

We hold that the time has come when Our third position is that this province As to the title by prescription, it is ask him to give place to some one who clear that that cannot be established as will. Clearly, His Honor shrinks from rise above the personal aspect of politics which ought to be shaped in accordance As to the title by prescription, it is people in this province who desire to see people in this province who desire to see that that cannot be established as an answer to the railway company, for this reason—that time does not run against the crown.

Mr. Martin realizes his own position very clearly. He knows perfectly well that clearly. He knows perfectly well that clearly. There is no question of given of all opposing interests.

As to the title by prescription, it is ask him to give place to sume of which only it is above the personal aspect of politics will. Clearly, His Honor shrinks from two given and even the issues which divide them in federal affairs, and deal with the existing political situation from two points of view. The trend of events since the pople away from former lines of the people of British Columbia should will. Clearly, His Honor shrinks from the sweeping with the same position as British Columbia should will. Clearly, His Honor shrinks from the sweeping with ought to be shaped in accordance with the people of British Columbia should will. Clearly, His Honor shrinks from the sweeping with ought to be shaped in accordance with the people and even the issues which divide them in federal affairs, and deal with the exone the people of British Columbia and the people of British Columbia should which the people of British Columbia should with the people and even the issues which divide them in federal affairs, and deal with the people and even the issues which divide them in federal affairs, and deal with the exone points of the people of British Columbia. clearly. He knows perfectly went that with a union of all opposing interests against him he will certainly be defeated. He makes no concealment of his hope that the Conservative party will insist the Conservative party will exist the conservative party will insist the Conservative party will be conserved the Conservative party

for political reasons.

4th. Internal Improvement.—Every ef fort ought to be made to keep pace with the demands of business and population ought to be careful about referring to by the construction of roads, trails and as redecting in any way upon the purposes should be borne by the public

5th. Municipal Government.—The ex provements more to say about them and step. the taxation which they necessitate.

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is clear for an advance.

with full knowledge of the fact that Mr.

amended so as to require the reasons for such refusal to be published in the Gazette. This would prevent refusals

Col. Prior wants to know if British bridges. Such public works may properly be carried on with borrowed money, but the interest upon loans for such generally. country. We mean now the commer nothing compared with the liberties of tension of municipal government to the various sections of the province should be as rapid as circumstances will per

> 6th. Decentralization of Authority .-The tendency of recent legislation has been to confer upon the lieutenant- ferring to the Colonist telegram as to governor-in-council too great control Mr. Tarte's reason for not expending over private undertakings. The laws money in Victoria, namely, that it could for the regulation of business organizations should be so framed that political

There are many other matters which

investment here, actually as well as people for election.

MR. TARTE'S LETTER.

It seems almost incredible that a minister of the crown would write such a letter to any representative body as Mr. Tarte sent to the British Columbia Board of Trade in regard to the Victoria harbor. We trust that our representatives in parliament will bring the matter before the house, in order that we may see if any of the minister's col ways by the provincial government is leagues will attempt to palliate such a out of the question. Assistance to a gross impertinence. The request of the board was a reasonable one, and merit-

of duty and gone East. If the Senator can secure recognition from the government of the claims of the proposed ra way to the north of the island, he will be forgiven many things by his towns-

Columbia is to have a cabinet minister This is a fair question; but as a matter of fact, does anyone suppose that British Columbia would be the least better off with any one of her present Liberal representatives in the cabinet? The Times declines to believe that

the Liberals will be induced to declare for party lines. If the views of the the general revenue, lessen the amount Victoria Liberals prevail they certainly will not. The Liberal press throughout government of the day, and give the the province, with the exception of the persons directly affected by local im- Vancouver World, is against such a

We have a letter from Ottawa drawing attention to the fact that the Times re be used to greater advantage elsewhere, rested only upon the authority of this influence cannot be invoked to the paper. The authority of this paper is advantage of one person or the disad, usually very trustworthy, and in this vantage of another.

A correspondent speaks of "Semlinites, Cottonites and Turnerites." Is this a proper classification of any number of

When one reads the estimates submit-We believe this policy would command ted to parliament, the wonder grows at the votes of a large majority of the the shabby manner in which this prov-

cominally equal before the laws, if we There is indeed no law in this province can make the province more self-sus- saying that a cabinet minister shall taining, will we not have done much to ever be a member of the legislature. restore confidence in our province and We are glad that the question has been set it once more upon the high road to asked, because it gives us an opportuprosperity? British Columbia has all nity to again point out that "The Connost boundless possibilities. We have stitution Act" is not the basis of revast mineral wealth, mighty forests, in- sponsible government, but only a means exhaustible fisheries, great areas of whereby the principles of responsible farming land, vast cattle ranges, and government may be applied to British the most commanding position on the Columbia. In the Terms of Union it Pacific coast of America. Shall we let was stipulated that efforts should be the great opportunities at hand slip by made to apply the principles of responnimproved, while we try experiments sible government to this province, and n legislation which even the erratic in pursuance of this arrangement "The Populists of the United States have Constitution Act" was passed. But thrown aside as idle dreams? Shall we whether we have responsible governfritter away our time and energy in ment or not depends upon the people partizan strife? And, least of all, shall themselves. We have not had it for we permit ourselves to be robbed of the nearly twenty months, and apparently riceless boon of responsible govern- it is not the intention of Mr. Martin to ment, which in other parts of the Em- allow us to have it again very soon. pire is regarded as the vital principle of We are certainly not living under re-British institutions? The answer rests sponsible government in this province at with the people themselves. The field the present time.

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A Chat With A Pio

Robert Stevenson Tells Movements in Br Columbia.

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Rich in Promising kameen. Robert Stevenson, one widely known members

guard," who came to Brit in the year '59, just previo break of the excitement of Cariboo, has been in Vict past few days renewing Mr. Stevenson wears on medal presented by the B. (ciety, which he prizes very

was one of the charter mem organization. To be exact. son arrived in Victoria on t of May, 1859, being attracte to the "sea of mountains" by of the fabulous wealth of Car reached him at his native t leek Hill, Prescott county, O since that time his career ha in line with the usual experie man who makes mining his pr He labored in every mining the province with varying s to-day, owing to recent disc has made, he has at last come smiles of fickle Dame Fortune In a chat with a Colonist r the Driard last evening Mr. had many interesting remin recall of his experiences in camps of British Columbia. joyed to the full the pleasure comforts of the ups and down to make up the lot of the aver But withal Father Time has with him. He is now hale and good apparently for a sco yet to enjoy the fruits of his t The year after arriving in t —1860—Mr. Stevenson went Creek, where he located a promising claims, but the Car ment breaking out with rene he went at once to Cariboo, trict he left after meeting wis success for the Similkamee where he has been operating and he has made recent ric which he is now certain will

wealthy man.
When, twenty-three years
Stevenson first went to the S district, he could only get Incompany him, his companions his suggestion that the country anything of value in the way als. But he went nevertheles stuck to that section ever si good and evil report.

Though owning claims in a section of the province, Mr. chief holdings are in the S

which he thinks will shortly of the greatest copper cam world. He owns in all that world. He owns in all that claims, the most promising located on Copper Mountain, describes as a "mountain of r Copper Mountain extends tance of ten miles and on it no less than 150 claims, amor ing the famous Sunset and I the latter being the property oenson. The ledge on the Los 600 feet in width, and assay \$15 to \$60 per ton in copper at average being \$50. Experts visited the camp have expression that it is the most wonde of copper ever seen.

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Other camps of promise
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Spokane and adjacent po into the Similkameen dis now the scene of great activ P. R. have had a surveying men out for some months loce which is to be run from Spence's Bridge. The C. P. mised to run a branch line Mr. Stevenson left this mor

(From Thursday's Daily Deferred Action.—At a fof the Trades Council last was decided to take no activation of the council last was decided to take no activation. the coming elections till s Mr. J. D. McNiven, one affiliated unions are sentatives of the Typograp was appointed corresp

George Baker Dead. -occurred yesterday at his North Chatham street of G deceased was a nativ England, and 80 years leaves a widow and two Baker, the Government dealer, and Thomas Bake Bay; and two daughter. Meston and Mrs. Sherk, is arranged for Friday af

Everything Was Order previous lecture by the gentleman on the same vaccination-had ended i among the followers of there was absolutely no h manifest at Rev. Mr. Sim arraignment of vaccinat church last evening. The was woefully limited, and were present had apparent converted to the rever-views and doctrine.

Rufus Sylvester Dead.—T curred at Seattle a few day fus Sylvester, one of the b fus Sylvester, one of the b pioneers, who engaged in trading in British Columbi early gold excitements. U jority of the old timers, I continued on the frontier t of his death, being engage businesses at Wrangel with Robert Reid, the firm Sylvester being one of the the Alaskan coast. Rufus bern in Maine 65 years mere boy he came to the and followed the mining from one camp to the othe Cariboo, Peace River, Omi siar, remaining in the latt many years, establishing which in the eighties he so son's Bay Company, afterw in business in Wrangel. in business in Wrangel. will be taken to the latter ERTISE