

A WISE CONCLUSION.

(From Wednesday's Daily Colonist.)

The Conservative Association adjourned last night to meet at the call of the Chair. This is practically the defeat of the party-lines movement in this city, and we very heartily congratulate the Conservative party upon it.

The Colonist feels rewarded for the effort it has made to prevent the well-meant but mistaken labors of the advocates of party-lines from succeeding. It has known all along that it voiced the sentiments of the great majority of the Conservative party.

MR. MARTIN'S POSITION.

At present Mr. Joseph Martin is a leader without a party. Yet a number of people in this province who desire to see him not only defeated at the polls but driven out of our provincial politics, seem determined to secure him a following.

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Now, the New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Company set up certain defences to that. We can really divide them into three. In the first place they do not own the coal at that time, and they do not own it by prescription; and thirdly, they claim a grant from the Hudson's Bay Company.

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CONFLICT OF AUTHORITY.

In his reply to the business men, the Lieutenant-Governor refers to the proposition that the promise therein contained of a session before the close of the fiscal year has been abandoned. Before the echoes of that speech had fairly died away, Mr. Martin was declaring that he did not propose to be in a hurry about an election and that he would take all time necessary to get the matter straight.

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THE NEEDS OF THE PROVINCE.

We hold that the time has come when the people of British Columbia should rise above the personal aspect of politics 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 in local affairs is leading to a crisis.

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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 colleagues will attempt to palliate such a gross impertinence.

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FOR THE OLD AND THE YOUNG

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food Proves Itself a Restorative of Inestimable Worth—Two Interesting Cases. Mrs. Margaret Iron, Tower Hill, N. B., writes: "My nerves were so weak I couldn't walk twice the length of the house. I couldn't work or sleep, and my hands trembled so I couldn't carry a pint of water. I thought there was no help for me, but after using a few boxes of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food my nerves are fully restored. I can walk a mile without inconvenience, and though 70 years old and quite feeble, I do my own work and considerable sewing, knitting and reading."

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A Chat With

Robert Stevenson Tells Movements in British Columbia. After ill-luck he is Rich in Promising Kameen. Robert Stevenson, one of widely known members of the "guard," who came to British Columbia in the year '50, just previous to the excitement over Cariboo, has been in Victoria past few days renewing old acquaintances.

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