prorogued last Monday. Regarding its work the Premier says:

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"The legislature prorogued on Monday has taken the first step toward more close international connection. It granted the franchise to a railroad from Nelson, the chief chise to a railroad from Nelson, the chie mining town of Kootenay, to Fort Sheppard whence it is expected to make connection with Spokane; also a railroad connecting Crow's Nest and Kootenay. These road will develop the wonderfully rich mining country of Kootenay. The legislature also passed a bill incorporating the Victoria and North American railroad from Por Crescent to Victoria via Beechy Bay, just over the line in our country. A representative of the road was also over last week, consulting in Victoria regarding a \$1,000,000 subsidy. These thing mark the future policy of the Government but do not indicate any desire for annexation. The legislature passed innety-nine bills, the largest number ever passed by an legislature. About half of them were pri

THE U.S. TREASURY SURPLUS.

Director Local Explains Why There is second for war.

THE KING WAS INSURED.

Washington Cffy, April 27.—A Star reporter this afterneon saked the director of the mint for an explaination of the state statement made by him on Saturday that there was an available cash banke or displaced and silver certificates amount in the pold and silver ce

The Colonist. | cluded as a portion of the available balance prior to that date, and there is no reason

New Army Corps Being Formed-Troops Pre- and

for the reception of increased quantities of ammunition, provisions, firearms, etc. The network of railways leading up to Galicia and Bukovina is now being extended. All these lines are under military supervision, and the stations are supplied with military commanders. Everything has been made ready for the immediate transportation of

All provincial and municipal officers stand under orders of a committee at St. Petersburg, whose duty it is to prepare for the transformation of the army from a peace to a war footing in the shortest possible time, in case of emergency. A new army corps, the Twentieth, is being formed near the Galician frontier. Altogether, the conduct of Russia is said to be that of a nation getting ready for war.

LOWERED THE RECORD

DISASTROUS DELAYS TO FREIGHT VIENNA, April 27.—In answer to the denial of warlike preparations by Russia, several first-class fortresses, including Warsaw and Korne, and a number of second and completed, but before the harbor master's survey was made. That survey showed that, while the dredge had done its work well, it had missed one little ridge or hummock of sand, which in one spot allowed only 22 feet at dead low springs. When the Empress arrived, there was 26 feet of water over this ridge, on a falling tide, but the vessel could have come to the wharf safely, as she was only drawing, this trip, 24 feet.

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No Chinese nor freight were landed yesterday, and the former will come over by the Islander, while the Victoria consignees will wait for the latter until the freight boat calls. The Empress' cargo was composed, principally, of silks, and was valued at \$3.00,000. The passenger list was made up of 131 first-class and 355 steerage, the majority of the latter being Chinese.

Among the passengers who hade

GOOD-BYE TO THE STEAMER

on Saturday last, left Jupan six days before

THE VICTORIA WEELLY COLONIST.

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THE WORKING PARTS

GOOD SPORT ASSURED.

Every Race Filled in the Jockey Club's Programme for the Spring Races.

Many Good Horses Already on the Track, and Well Prepared for Fast Work.

Yesterday, it was announced that all the races on the cards for the Spring meeting of the Victoria Jockey Club had been filled to day, the entries are published, so that the property and seven-eighths of the Victoria Jockey Club had been filled in the Jockey Club had been filled in the Spring meeting of the Stock that will be seen on the track next Friday and Saturday. Almost all the horses are at the Driving Park now, and in good shape for fast work. Unfortunately, the wet weather has handicapped the trainers during the past few days, but, if to morrow is bright, and is the forerunner of another sunny day, there is no reason to the content of the body and the content of the content of

SECOND DAY.
(Trotting and Pacing—Free for All.)
Blank, g.g., black and white, B. O. Van Bok-

elen.
Frank Moscow, c.g., red, J. McDonald.
Mollie Cooper, s m., grey, J. Stone.
Maud C, b.m., blue, W. F. Chambers. BUNNING MILE HEATS.

d as a means of regulating railroad competidid in. For two successive days, the regular
meeting of the advisory board was unable
to get a quorum, and had to adjourn with
an earnest, not to say menacing, appeal to
the members to assemble at the earliest possible day. This seeming slight of the objects of the association came from
the Missouri Pacific, the Union
Pacific and the Southern Pacific.
On the other hand, the exports of gold are
not likely to go much further, especially as
the Berlin bankers promptly countermanded
their orders for specie when the not likely to go much further, especially as the Berlin bankers promptly countermanded their orders for specie when the rates of exchange deprive shipments of a profit. The hardening tendency in money is regarded as only transient and likely to be followed by free shipments of currency from the interior. The improvement in the business of the roads in the Granger section is construed as a hopeful symptom. Not only is the acreage of winter wheat large, but its condition is much above the average, and the current weather is favorable to the development of the plant. The prospect of poor crops in Europe has induced a planting of spring wheat on this side the Atlantic, which promises to surpass all precedent in acreage, and the weather is favorable to sowing it under excellent conditions, while the same remarks apply to other crops.

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IThe Miner.]

Last week a half-interest in the Ollie, a claim which joins the Dandy on the west, was sold to A. H. Kelly; the consideration in the bill of sale being \$10,000.

Rails were laid across the Kootenay bridge on the 18th, and the construction train on the Columbia & Kootenay was run up as far as the engineers' camp, less than five miles from Nelson. Engineer Duchesnay claims the track will be laid to Nelson by May 15tb.

Angus McIntyre came in from Kettle river, on Thursday, with a band of pack animals. He reports Kettle Falls booming. The new boat building at Little Dalles is to be ready by June 4th. Under the terms of the contract, the contractor is to forfeit \$50 for every day the boat remains unfinished after that date, but he is to receive a bonus of \$100 for every day he has it fimished beof \$100 for every day he has it finished before that date. The contractor informed
Mr. McIntyre that he expected to earn several hundred deliars of the bonus money.

The tunnel on the Silver King is in 40

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unless it surrenders before. It is reported the marajah fled from Manipur, and pre-vious to departure fired the town, which is destroyed.

THE REASON WHY.

To THE EDITOR :—Some one signing himself "Victoria" writes to the Times of last evening's issue and says something about where is our Board of Trade and their protestations: Where is our boasted wharf at a cost of \$100,000 to accommodate the largest vessels afloat? Where are the promises given by Mr. Van Horne? Where are our Mayor and City Fathers,

the promises given by Mr. Van Horne? Where are our Mayor and City Fathers, eto, etc?

The enquirer is evidently a recent arrival, one maybap, who has bought a few acres of rock at bed rock prices. He does not know the grand moss-backism of our moneyed citizens. He does not know that the much boasted of dredger was sent to Vancouver to try and fix a landing for the boat that should have landed here. He does not know that if Mr. Van Horne tells us something, and insinuates more, that we have to take it like we do lemons and oysters, because it tastes good and costs nothing. He forgets that the Mayor and Council can do nothing without the people; and he winds up by saying:—"How long will the people of Victoria stand it?

My answer is this:—

Just as long as the large owners of land (acquired for next to nothing) and madevaluable, not by their foresight, or ability, but by the force of circumstances, or in other words to put it plainly, because a new generation, wiser and more enlightened have swept over them, leaving them perhaps rioher in dollars or dross but still leaving them high and dry on the shore of skiu-flintedness and miserism. If I am not correct let someone speak. Until brother Victorian, we can snow under these, the foes of our city, you and I must watch and wait.

Another Victorian.

ANOTHER VICTORIAN.

occurred this afternoon at Gauthersburg. Md., 20 miles west of Washington. A west

THIRTY-THI Opening by the Governor-

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RICHES OF THE YUKON.

A Region Where Furs are Plentiful and a River Teeming With King Salmon.

(From a Census Bulletin.)

The Yukon will probably, in the future, be looked upon as the chief salmon river of Alaska as soon as it is made accessible by surveys or perhaps by railway connection.

The quantity of marketable fish, both of red

Holland is long past her tulip craze, but she remains the great flower-growing country of Europe. Even yet fine varieties of tulips are quoted in Dutch catalogues at from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty florins. Hyacinths are also grown to great perfection, and sold at high prices. The light sandy soil of Holland is peculiarly well suited to the tulip. The plant is probably of Asiatic origin, but it has been brought to its highest perfection in Holland, and especially about Haarlem. The Dutch tulip raisers protect their beds in spring with hoops and mats.

READS UPSIDE DOWN. Curious Case of Perverted Vision in a

Curious Case of Perverted Vision in a Pannytvania Girl.

A very peculiar case of perverted vision has been presented to an oculist of York, Pa., says the New York Journal.

A little girl of ten years, the daughter of one of this city's most respected citizens, was discovered by her school-teacher to be unable to read her reading exercise unless the book was held upside down. The teacher immediately communicated the fact to the parents, and they became very much worried.

The oculist was called in and an examination made of the child's eyes.

amination made of the child's eyes.
They were found to be entirely normal. The only conclusion arrived at was that the strange freak of vision was the result of a habit of trying to read with the book pages in an unnatural position, a habit contracted some years ago when the child was first sent to school.

At this time the child in writing numbers upon a slate always made them upside down, and as it was never observed or corrected she gradually drifted into the habit of reading the same way.

Same way.

The only means of cure possible is to teach the child every thing over again as though she never knew any, thing before. This will be carefully done and a cure of this really enal case is anxiously looked for in the

DOMINION PARLIA A Brilliant Scene-Sp from the Throne.

R. H. JAMI

The Debate on the Address _Capital Gossip-Appe ment of Whips. (From Our Own Corre OTTAWA, April 30.—The day

opening of Parliament by aid to have been a glorious eather prevailed, and in cons regal party drove, att escort of cavalry and by a b. The Ottawa Field Battery fired Parliament Hill during His progress from Rideau Hall to Chamber. At the entrance to ment buildings a guard of honor up of the Governor-General's Gave the usual saluses. The proceedings were charate usual pomp. The Senate scene of great beauty, A larguages in magnificent toile assembled. The Veteran Inis colleagues in the cabinet, moin Windsor uniform, stood on the theory during the cremental. throne during the ceremonia few moments the menil body, headed by Sergeant at A ell, bearing the mace, and white, the newly elected Speak by the Clerk, presented themse Bar of the House and claimed

His Excellency then deliver SPEECH FROM THE TI Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate; the House of Commons;

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The members of the Lower I returned to their chamber, the was rushed through and the he d. In both houses the debate dress was put off till to-morrow

At the ministerial caucus the mony prevailed. The Premier tal speech, laughed at Mr. Latence to a decimated party, and attention to duty and orderion will not be unduly and business will be pushed. Ta long discussion of their prodecided to debate the address It is likely an amendment will it is understood their policy wittion. At the

Mr. Wood (Brockville) propo ent to the Franchise Act to p ians naturalized in the States To-morrow, May 1st, is the To-morrow, May 1st, is the contract between the Governm Canadian Pacific Railroad, for on of the road.

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The Government whips a Taylor, McKay, Corby, Frech son, Pope, Wood, Daly (W McDonald (Victoria). The Oppare: Trow, Sutherland, Ring, and Carroll.

Mrs. Barnard was the Columbia Mdy present in thatternoon.

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Col. Prior appeared in untitle Governor's aides.

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