# NOTHING TO

Financial Statement Discredits Gov't

Mr. McKEOWN TALKS

Indebtedness of Province Increased Despite Flemming's Pre-Election Promises

The Hon. H. A. McKeown in discuss ing with The Sun last night the auditor general's statement of the provincial accounts for the past year as pub

ed from this too," he went on, "were it not for the increased subsidies received by the province this year for who occasionally picks about the dump sands of hungry and homeless persons

even apart from the increases reportther increase of over \$250,000 is reported for the same class of items as Coroner D. E. Berryman was notified hose which were so severely criticised by the gentlemen responsible for this

"The present provincial secretary told the people of the province that the absolute limit of provincial indebtedess had been reached a year ago and undertook and promised with all The child while fully developed had not the appearance of having been a well nourished baby, and evidently the mother had been attended by some mid-wife. There seems no doubt but that the child had been born alive but that time, and on account of which the public, taking him at his word, put him and his colleagues in power.

The child while fully developed had not the appearance of having been a vidently the mother had been attended by some mid-wife. There seems no doubt but that the child had been born alive but it showed signs of having not been swept out to see and no trace of them remain. It is no exaggeration to evidence of it having been alive when weapped up in the woman's apron. It During the first nine months," continued Mr. McKeown, "the province had an opportunity of judging the present administration with their pre-election pledges as a back-ground. Their failure to pass a suitable road act and to give the people economical government has already led to their encies. Their failure in other matters, nowever," said Mr. McKeown in conusion, "is absolutely eclipsed by their financial record which conclusively proves that the country has nothing to expect in the way of economy from the gentlemen new at the head roughly speaking, \$100,000 more revenue than any government which ever they have added over \$400,000 to the public debt. The record needs little comment, but it furnishes the strongest possible example of the incompet ency of the present administration.

#### DROPPED DEAD WHILE MAKING A SPEECH

AMHERSTBURG, Ont., Dec. 31-

#### STARVING THOUSANDS IN ITALIAN CITIES IN MURDEROUS STRUGGLES FOR FOOD.

BODY OF A-BABY FOUND ON THE DUMP

Die From Neglect-Police Working on the Case.

lished yesterday remarked that "the A heartless action and a probable murder was brought to light this mornbe very discouraging to its friends ing when Edward Marr, a laborer, rewhen it is borne in mind that the re-wenue far exceeds that of any previous siding at 144 St. Patrick street, found horror of starvation and the fear of a spread of pestilence. In the ruins of among the rubbish in the public dump Messina, Reggio and various towns in "A different story would have result- at the foot of Hanover street, near the Sicily and Galabria lie the bodies of

for any coal or other things worth tak-"One of the strongest criticisms ever ing, found a bundle of clothing. He made against the old government was unwrapped the clothing and saw that it hat of an increased public debt. was only the covering over the dead Economists will observe, however, that body of an infant. A man's light colored negligee shirt and a large grey and water have combined to change ed by the provincial secretary for the colored apron were wrapped about the sunding of the debt of \$215,000 a furchild. There were blood stains on the child. There were blood stains on the

and after viewing the remains ordered their removal to the morgue. The coroner notified the police and it is very probable that the persons responsible for the abandment and death of the child may soon be brought to justice.

is the opinion that the child was illegitimate and to bide the mother's shame shortly after birth the child was allowed to die for lack of proper reatment. To further conceal the birth and death the unwashed body Chief Clark was spoken to this afternoon about the matter and says that up till two o'clock he had not learned much more than the facts described above but every endeavor will be

#### SCHOONER BURNED FOR

made to locate the mother, and the

of Boston, Captain Holden, was parti-William Henry McEvoy, former may- port News today. She caught fire in ally burned at the coal piers at Newer of Amherstburg, dropped dead at | the forecastle, where sparks from the midnight in the Masonic Hall at the arnual banquet of the local lodge. Mr. McDvoy, after speaking about twenty minutes, dropped to the floor and expired almost immediately. Apoplexy was the cause.

donkey engine reached a barrel of our and in a few minutes, the vessel was a mass of flames. She was beached on Point Breeze where the fire was extinguished. It is thought the schooner was not damaged below the water-line and that she will be re-built. nidnight in the Masonic Hall at the donkey engine reached a barrel of oil

#### RIFLES.

WINCEDSTDR 22, 30, 303, 32, 33, 35, 38-55, 40-72, 405, 44, 45, 70, 45-90

AUTOMATIC, 32, 35, 351 MARIIN, 30, 38-55, 44-40, 45-70 SAVAGE. 303, 38-55

LARGEST VARIETY TO SELECT

Call or Write

Market Square, St. John, N. B

Awful Scenes in Messina Where Those Who MONCTON HAS HAD Found Fragments of Food Were Cut Down by Their Less Lucky Fellows ---- Reports Enjoyed an Unequalled Period PLEADSHIS ENNOCENCE From Palmi Increase Enormously the Death List----Impossible to Secure Supplies Quickly Enough for the Needs of the Sufferers.

ROME, Dec. 31 .- To the terrifying spectacle of death caused by Monday's earthquake has now been added the sands of hungry and homeless persons throng the littered thoroughfares. Words are inadequate to express the horror of the ruin and desolation that has overwhelmed Galabria and Sicily, where the earth's tremblings and fire the smiling, verdant country into de serts. Messina exists no longer, and at least thirty years will be necessary to repair the ruin that natures violences

MANY VILLAGES ENTIRELY WIPED OUT.

The child while fully developed had to obtain any news whatsoever of the

AN AWFUL DEATH LIST.

was wrapped up in the shirt and ap- Of the 100,000 people living in Palmi ron and during the night the remains only a few score are alive today. Yeswere thrown over the dump, among terday 2,200 corpses were buried there. ashes, old tin cans and other rubbish. The survivors, reinforced by rescuers It was no doubt thought that the next from other points, under the lead of load of rubbish would cover up the soldiers and doctors are performing bundle or the tide that sometimes prdigles of valor. Many of them have comes in on the end of the dump been overcome by the scenes they are would take it from view. Had not Edward Marr been picking in the dump this morning the body would probably never have been discovered.

Seen overcome by the scenes they are witnessing. Archbishop of Morabito and other priests, with teuching devotion and courage, have done much to preserve order by the example of calmpreserve order by the example of calmness and self denial they have given the people. They are busy carrying comfort and consolation to the dying

person who so heartlessly disposed of STILLI NO WORD FROM REGGIO. The first of the survivors of Reggio to reach Catanzaro were so broken down by the shock of their experifor them to give any connected ac-THE SECOND TIME count of the destruction of the city.

They speak disconnectedly of whole NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 30—For the second time within two months, the five-masted schooner Marcus L. Urann, in a ghastly silence of desolation. The railroads and the footpaths through the surrounding country have been utterly destroyed, while the survivors lack food, water and medical supplies.

KING'S PRESENCE BRINGS COM-

The visit of the King and Queen of Italy to Messina and Reggio has aroused widespread enthusiasm. and distress the sovereigns were sal-uted when they disembarked by the firing of guns from the Italian and ters Orlando and Bertokini he visited been devastated and thousands of vic-both Messins and Reggio, spending tims in these places must be added to several hours at each place. He visited the roll. In the face of this awful total (The Minister of Marine tonight repersonally every quarter of these cit-les, giving words of encouragement, Nor has the death list yet been

RELIEF MEASURES. people to the utmost limit of their resources. The waters of the Strait of Ing. cared for by the resources, but their distress is great, and it has been increased by the violent, icy wind which followed the deluge of rain. De-

MANY TOURISTS PERISH.

PARIS, Dec. 31.-A special despatch received here from Rome says that 96 and French travellers, were staying at the Hotel Trinacria at Messina when the city was destroyed. They-all perished. The proprietor of the hotel alone escaped. There are only two survivors of the guests who were quart-

ENTIRE REGIMENT KILLED.

REGGIO, Dec. 31.- There is reason

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THE MIN GAT REGGIO. ROME, Dec. 31. King Victor Em- n

found in a condition no less disastrous than that at Messina. The prefect at Reggio says that grave injustice has been done to the communes "A Russian warship with five hun-dred wounded on board, will arrive at Naples this morning, and everything must be prepared for their land-ing and housing. Another Russian ship will carry wounded to Syracuse. It is desirable to provide at Naples a Russian ship with an abundance of

STARVING PEOPLE COMMIT

medical supplies."

MESSINA, Dec. 31-A frightful scene occurred here today amid the ruins of the customs house. Bands of famished individuals were groping among the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first of the searchers were successful and other attracted by their cries of joy, fell upon them with refended each morsel literally with their lives. The struggle was of the most men threw themselves upon each situation is much worse, as, while war

ary measure against an outbreak of pestilence the bodies of persons killed pestilence the bodies of persons killed by the diring of guns from the Italian and foreign warships at Messina. As soon as the King and his pearty set foot continues of the began witnessing scenes of indescribable pity. His Majesty spoke highly in praise of the Trainan southers and the sailors from the foreign warships for their fraye and heroic work and the sailors from the foreign warships for their fraye and heroic work and are being burned by the earthquake are being burned by the dead tack of care and starvation will complete the work that the forces of nature have left undone."

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harbor, comforted the women, spoke injured. Otherthousands remain near the ruins of their homes or wander, half starving, half maked, over the sovereigns has imparted fresh impetus to the work of rescue.

DELIES MEASURES. General Marazzi has divided the military forces working in Calabria province into two bodies. One is working the installed in a railway van. Messages which have come over the lines, though they have been meagre in dethe Ionian shore, and they are con-verging on Reggio. Other troops are distributing rations to the starving ruins that have been swept by fire.

The shores of the straits have been | struction is everywhere and appalling. completely transformed in appearance. There is little food and less water. Of Messina's 90,000 population, it is believed that fully 70,000 perished. Forty thousand people died in Reggio.

day in the wards of improvised hospitals, visiting the wounded, many of them. Her majesty did her best to

Catania, the largest city nearest to the zone of the disaster, is crowded stream of fugitives coming in, the sight of the wounded and repetition of real or imaginary earth shocks have so alarmed the portion they they are becoming uncontrol able. There is no longer place there where the rething about finished.

Columns have also highled a special somers. A pair of mittens were also produced and witness declared that they were taken by the Italians from the pieze he (witness) had left them this work being about finished. with Queen Helena, arrived early this Francisca Nava di Bentife, archbishop imports to the value of \$621,313, and morning at Reggio and after staying of Catania, has employed all the money in the town in company with the in his possession to provide bread for A remarkable decrease in drunken—Queen, re-embarked on a warship and the fugitives, but the people of Cat-ness in the city is shown by police. ania also are in great need, as the or- court records. dinary business pursuits have been en-"I return from Reggio, which I tirely interrupted.

The government is finding difficulty in ascertaining the fate of the many foreigners who were in the earthquake zone at the time of the catastrophe zone at the time of the catastrophe, inquiries concerning whom are coming in from all quarters of the globe. The commander of the battleship Admiral Makharoff, which arrived with fugitives at Naples today, confirms the report of the death of the American consul at Messina, Arthur S. Cheney, ruins of the consulate. The number of Americans in Sicily and southern Italy is believed to be small, and several of them are reported to have been staying at Taromina, which is on the coast, about thirty miles southwest of Messina. According to the latest reports this place suffered no harm from the earthquake.

The minister of war, in dispatching orders to the military authorities who have practically taken over the absolute power throughout the zone of the earthquake, explained: "This disaster has resulted in a

dry beans or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunates was pinned to a plank by the knife while clinging to his hand was his little child for whom he had sought food.

BODIES ARE BEING BURNED.

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ceived word that the steamships Taormina and Campania, with 45,000 beds praise and consolation.

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Her Majesty, the Queen, talked with the vast majority of these are sorely of these are sorely of these are sorely of the consolation.

And a large supply of provisions aboard had left Genoa, bound for Messina. Other steamers also boutifully stocked. are on their way to the stricken cities

ing needs of the unfortunate people with the invitation of the promoters of the many about half clad and the meeting, but he was not allowed by a woman who signed her name as starving, some of them dragging are to speak. the piercing wind. Terrible suffering is inevitable before the much needed

relief stores can arrive.

The rescuing parties, military, naval and civil of different nationalities are performing prodigies, but the task before them is almost hopeless. Added

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### A PROSPEROUS YEAR

of Development

New Buildings Worth \$200,000 Put Up -Great Works Being Carried On-Important Givic Imprevements.

in Moncton one of the most remarkable periods in the city's growth. With the King Victor Emmanuel and Queen new Transcontinental tracks laid with-Elena were in Messina today. The in the city's boundaries, the great new king explored the ruins, regardless of I. C. R. shops, one of the finest layouts self. He was often moved to tears at of the kind in Canada almost com- had been working at Johnson's, along the heart-rending scenes he came up- pleted, two hundred thousand dollars with Leon Sepetil, the other Italian on at every turn. The king was loud worth of new buildings erected, new in his praise of the spanish work accomplished by the Italian, Russian and English bluejackets, who saved be readily seen that Moncor's growth many who otherwise would have in- in 1908 has been of an almost marvel- ing of the murder before I got up. evitably perished. The queen spent the lous nature. The building record of When I awoke he had departed and I the year in Moncton has been a great one, close upon two hundred thousand REGGIO, Dec. 31.— There is reason to believe that an entire regiment of infantry was drowned by the tidal wave, at Palmi. Three hundred of the soldiers' bodies already have been recovered.

Her majesty did her best to them with womanly words of consolation, often breaking into sobs as she listened to their dreadful tales of suffering. The king left for Reggio tonight. cost of \$40,000, a start made upon the

duty collected to the amount of \$99,947.

### RIGHTS FOR SUBJECTS

and his wife, who were buried in the Tokio Newspaper Declares Nation Objects to Discrimination

TOKIO, Dec. 30. Despite official denials, rumors of a separate emigration agreement are persistent. The Jiji tomorrow will publish an article ac- then called. He stated that when he cepting the official denials and censurcepting the official denials and censur-ing the government, which, it says, is looked round and found the jewelry responsible for public scepticism owing to its previous denial of the entente. greater loss of life than any of our to its previous denial of the entente. wars for independence. Indeed, the The paper urges a settlement of the The paper urges a settlement of the log pile, which afterwards were proven other like wolves and several fell dis-emboweled in defending a handful of paration this has happened within dry beans or a few ounces of flour. Forty seconds. While war only affects most favored nation clause. Japan

Throughout the marrays.

The court then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Throughout the that Tony appeared

TORONTO, Dec. 30.-A meeting held in Massey Hall tonight to oppose the by law to cut off forty tavern licenses in Toronto troke up in a row of the from various ports.

The dispatches from the stricken most violent character. Controller zone say that a large army would be Spence was present to represent those required to cope with even the press- favorable to a reduction, in accordance required to cope with even the press-ing needs of the unfortunate people with the invitation of the promoters of

broke loose, and the deafening noise broke loose, and the deafening noise was kept up for forty-five minutes. Spence gave up attempt to speak, and several fierce fights broke out in the

Talks Italian Correspondent

Preliminary Continued At Andover Yesterday-Several Witnesses Testify

ANDOVER, Dec. 30.—In an exclusive Tony declared that he was in no way onnected with the murder. He states

In brief he told the following story: "I am positive that Leon Sepetil left Johnson's camp on the Sunday morn-Sepetil until after I returned again to

erection of two new theatres, each of which will cost in the vicinity of six thousand dollars. The Knights of Columbus have also finished a splendid

Trueman Dell was the next called. He testified as to the time bills of the told him they were going back to

of his having cashed the checks at Plaster Rock.

left the camp on Friday evening and returned on Saturday. Both had departed again on Sunday before he got up. Witness identified the guns as belonging to the prisoners. When they returned to the camp on Monday they were without the guns.

James Hatch, an old man, father of the previous witness, was then called, but knew comparatively nothing con-cerning the affair. However he re-cognized the guns as belonging to the

Frank Nenno also identified the guns as belonging to the prisoners. He had not seen them from Saturday night until they were brought to jail.

## ALTAR BY LETTER

wife? If so, speak out; if not forever hold thy peace," spoke the Rev. J. C. Scarborough, pastor, of St. Thomas' Presbyterian Mission, as John Whit-taker and Nettle Higgins, a comely girl, stood before him.

The silence was broken by Mrs. Mary Griffin, a widow with whom Whittaker had boarded, who cried:

ty in getting a hearing, so reduction ters in the room which Whittaker for supporters were as much to bame as the other side. The meeting troke up action to recover the near-bride's well-ding outfit, which he furnishes.