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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

AT THE
Newcastle Drug Store.

In our stock will be found this year, a larger and more complete stock of X'mas Goods than ever before. You can find presents suitable for all in our large display. Call and examine our stock before you buy and convince yourself.

Ebony Toilet Sets,	Hand Bags,	Burnt Leather Albums,
Ebony Manicure Sets,	Whist Sets,	Fancy Calendars,
Jewel Trays,	Collar and Cuff Boxes,	Ink Stands,
Jewel Cases,	Shaving Sets,	Copper Ornaments,
Ladies' Companion Sets,	Cribbage Sets,	Fancy Vases,
Hall Sets,	Tobacco Jars,	Smoking Sets,

And a hundred other things too numerous to mention, all of which would make a Happy X'mas Gift.

Durick's Drug Store

Thos. J. Durick, Prop.

This Space Belongs to
GEORGE STABLES

Don't miss reading what it contains when in need of anything in the

GROCERY OR CROCKERYWARE

LINE

GEO STABLES.

JUST ARRIVED

All the latest shades of **GREYS BROWNS and FAWNS**, in Tweeds and Worsteds, which we will make up in the latest style.

OVERCOATING

all the latest goods, call and examine our goods before placing your order.

FIT GUARANTEED IN ALL CASES.

P. RUSSELL,

Fish Building, Pleasant Street, Merchant Tailor.

J. ADIES STORE.

JANUARY SALE.

During the present month we will sell the following goods at greatly reduced prices:—

White Wear in Gowns, Skirts, Corset Covers etc. 130 Corsets to be sold at cost. Black, White and all other Clouds, Scarfs and Ties will go at cost. 75 Colored Tapestry and Linen Cushions Cushion Tops and Centers, also all White Stamped Linen Centers and Doilies are placed on the cost list.

Any person who makes a purchase of one dollar or more in goods not named will get ten per cent discount.

REDUCED PRICES TO CASH CUSTOMERS ONLY.

Mrs. S. McLeod.

"THE PHARMACY"

Our Holiday Goods are now on display, and we cordially invite your inspection.

We have a complete line of French and English Perfumes, in price from 10c to \$3.50 a bottle.

Writing paper in fancy boxes, from 25c to \$2.00 a box. Our line of fancy goods is new and up-to-date, and should be seen to be appreciated.

A. E. Shaw Druggist.

THE PHARMACY

NEWCASTLE, N. B.

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT.

Total Expenditures of New Brunswick Government for the Year With \$1,043,106.49.

SURPLUS ONLY \$44,591.

With Increased Receipts There is no Attempt to Decrease the Public Debt

FREDERICTON, Dec. 30.—The Royal Gazette of this week contains the statement of the receipts and expenditures of the province for the year ending October 31. The total receipts on ordinary revenue are given as \$1,038,733.34, and the expenditures at \$1,043,195.49, having a surplus of \$44,541.85.

The items of the receipts are as follows:

Bal. Oct. 31st 1907	\$ 65,389.45
Dominion subsidies	621,360.96
Territorial revenue	343,292.77
Fees of the provincial secretary's office	15,275.41
King's Printer	1,510.80
Liquor licenses	19,689.54
Miscellaneous	3,123.59
Private and local bills	810.00
Probate court fees, surpluses	10,000.00
Dominion government refund, forest protection	3,000.00
G. T. P.	32,489.37
Succession duties	34,494.19
Taxes incorporated companies	1,691.71
School book receipts	1,691.71

EXPENDITURES

Among leading items of expenditure were the following:	
Administration of justice	\$ 12,770
Agriculture	21,987
Agricultural Commission	1,868
Contingencies	14,800
Exhibitions	9,500
Elections	11,460
Executive government	34,734
Education	238,741
Education, U. N. B. grant	16,094
Game and forest protection	19,421
Immigration	1,993.00
Interest	232,944.00
Legislative assembly	28,260.00
N. B. Coal and Railway investigation	1,515.00
Printing	11,968.00
Provincial Hospital	61,208.00
Public Health	7,701.00
Public Hospital grant	9,700.00
School book's expenditure	11,588.00
Succession duties	1,286.00
Unforeseen expenses	3,551.00

The amount of the defalcation of the late Deputy Surveyor general is put down at \$18,593 and the government is in receipt of \$5,205 from the London Guarantee Co. on this amount. The proceeds of the treasury bills for 1908:—The Government received \$1,907,888 and paid on London Loan due August 1908, \$1,387,130.

PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL DAMAGED BY FIRE.

Electrical Plant And All Except The Main Building Burned To The Ground.

Last night at 10 o'clock, just as we went to press, we received word from St. John that fire had completely destroyed the Electrical plant, and everything except the main building of the Provincial Hospital. The fire is still raging, but as far as we can learn upon enquiry, was that there was not much danger of the fire spreading to the main building and the authorities had not ordered the removal of any of the patients.

LATER,

Sr. JOHN, N. B., 11 p. m.—The fire is just about under control, and there is practically no danger of the fire spreading to the main building. The loss is considerable, but we are informed that this is nearly covered by insurance.

School Supplies.

We are prepared for school opening with the regular line of School Staples. We can supply or procure for you anything in SCHOOL BOOKS and we are expecting a supply of Geographies, etc. from the Provincial Government on or about the 9th. inst. As we give the above line full attention we are best prepared to give good service.

Follansbee & Co.,
Public Square NEWCASTLE

Most Terrible of Modern Times.

Victims of Italian Earthquake Number Nearly 200,000.

ROME, Dec. 29.—One hundred thousand dead; Messina in Sicily and Reggio and a score of other towns in Southern Italy overwhelmed; the entire Calabria region laid waste; this is the earthquake's record so far as is at present known from the reports that are coming slowly into Rome on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places.

The death list in Messina ranges from 12,000 to 50,000, that of Reggio which with its adjacent villages numbered 45,000 people, includes almost the entire population. At Palermo 1,000 are reported dead; at Cassano 1,000, at Cosenza 500 and half of the population of Baghera, about 4,000. The Monteleone region has been devastated and Riposto, Seminara, San Giovanni, Scilla, Lazzaro and Camitello and all other communes and villages bordering on the Straits are in ruins.

ROME, Dec. 31.—The Vita states that a wireless message from the Strait of Messina reports that Lipari Islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean near the coast of Sicily have disappeared. The total population of the group numbers 23,000 and must have inevitably perished.

The minister of marine has rushed a torpedo boat to ascertain the facts. Estimates of the deathroll of the earthquake now cease to concern the Italian people. It is enough to know that the catastrophe is overwhelming figures would add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation nor move to greater efforts those upon whom the work of relief and rescue have fallen.

An Apalling Death List
The horror of the situation at Messina grows with every fresh despatch. One of the correspondents places the death role throughout the entire territory as high as 200,000 but this appears to be extreme. Others make their outside estimate 200,000, but the official estimate as made by the minister of marine, still holds to 115,000.

Aid From Canada
OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—At this afternoon's cabinet council it was decided to contribute on behalf of the Canadian government, the sum of \$100,000 towards the relief of the sufferers by the earthquake in southern Italy. The contribution will be forwarded through the colonial office accompanied by an appropriate expression of sympathy.

Fight for Food
MESSINA, Dec. 31.—A frightful scene occurred here today amid the ruins of the custom house. Bands of famished individuals were groping among the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first of the searchers were successful and others, attracted by their cries of joy, fell upon them with revolvers and knives. The lucky ones defended each morsel literally with their lives. The struggle was of the most inhuman description. The famished men threw themselves upon each other like wolves and several fell dismembered in defending a handful of dry beans or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunate was pinned to a plank by a knife while clinging to his hand was his little child, for whom he had sought food.

Disaster Worse than War
This disaster has resulted in a greater loss of life than any of our wars of independence. Indeed, the situation is much worse as while war always is preceded by a period of preparation, this has happened within forty seconds. While war only affects the young and strong among the people, the present calamity has mowed down women and children old men and youths. While in war, the armies are followed by the most complete camp hospitals, the numberless wounded in Calabria and eastern Sicily have been left in many cases, forty-eight hours without assistance. Even when rescued it is impossible to house them everything having been filled by the dead.

Disaster Worse on Calabrian Coast
PALERMO, Dec. 31.—The roads between Palermo and Messina are filled with long and sad processions of the wounded refugees, and the sights to be seen as they painfully make their way to the westward are simply heart rending. They all say they think they are the only survivors.

The walls of several of the princely buildings of Messina are still standing, but they are so weakened that they will have to be demolished as soon as possible to prevent fatalities among the rescuers. Every day the undermined masonry comes crashing down. Only yesterday when His Majesty the King, was here, the facade of a few story building collapsed and a few

hundred feet from where the king stood.

priests have arrived at Messina from Scylla, on the Calabrian coast. They confirm the previous reports that this town of 5,000 people has been completely destroyed. They say they are practically the only survivors. They escaped with their lives because at the time of the quake they happened to be in the vault of the church a portion of the building that resisted the general collapse. The priests say also that the disaster on the Calabrian coast was greater than on the Sicilian coast. The coast has been ravaged for a distance of thirty miles and Scylla is not the only village to be wiped out of existence.

Terrible Tale of Misery

MONTELEONE, Dec. 31.—Each tale would seem to surpass the other in horror and misery but the experience of a band of refugees from Messina and Reggio who made their way on foot into Palmi is distressing beyond words. The Messina refugees succeeded in getting away from the Sicilian coast in sailboats. After a frightful experience in crossing the strait they landed at Calabrian. Here they were met by the haggard refugees from Reggio and the various groups of unfortunates joined forces. Together they painfully climbed the hills. At a certain point they all turned to give a last look at the burning cities. They stood on the mountain-side plunged in despair. A young priest, who had escaped from Reggio advanced towards the group, in all some 2,000 persons and blessed them. Then turning in the direction of Reggio he solemnly called down the blessing of God upon the desolated city.

"Peace to the dying," he cried, "peace to the dead."

Men, women and children knelt to the ground and raised their hands to Heaven, prayed for the deliverance of the multitude.

The band then took up its broken and rickety march to Palmi where the refugees arrived ten hours later in a torrent of rain. Two thousands had set out in the beginning, but only 500 rugged and emaciated wanderers reached their destination. The others had succumbed on the awful journey and had fallen by the wayside.

LONGBOAT AGAIN BEATS PIETRI.

The Italian Falls Out in The Nineteenth Mile, After Which The Indian Finishes in a Walk

FAST TIME FIRST MILE

Longboat Stumbles in The Third Mile But Speedily Recovers Himself.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Tom Longboat, the Onondaga Indian, again won a long distance race from Dorando Pietri. Pietri fell out in the fifth lap of the nineteenth mile, after which Longboat finished the race by walking. The first mile was covered in 5 min. 7 secs., which was 7 2-5 secs. faster than the time made in the first mile on Dec. 15th.

ROBBED A BANK

Burglars Kept Citizens at Bay for two Hours

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 30.—Five robbers dynamited the bank at Wellston, Okla. early today and escaped with \$5,000.

The robber erected a barbed wire barricade around the bank and while some members of the gang went to work on the bank safe, others stood guard. The pickets for two hours kept the townspeople at bay while the confederates worked on the vault and when finally the robbers succeeded in getting the money it contained, the five men rode off, covering their departure with a heavy fire. No one was injured.

SPECIAL MEETING, TOWN COUNCIL.

Town Accepts \$13,702.30 In Full Payment of Anderson Mortgage.

BILLS PASSED.

Police Magistrate's Report Held Over Till Next Meeting—No Scott Act Report.

A special meeting of Newcastle town council was held on Monday evening, Mayor Miller and Alds. Doyle, Falconer, Ferguson, Morrissy, McMurdo and Russell present.

Communication from R. A. Lawlor re Anderson Furniture Company liquidation was received and filed.

A letter from the Newcastle Board of School Trustees asking that a loan from the Royal Bank floated last year, rendered necessary by non-receipt of school taxes due from the town, be taken over by the town. Referred to Finance Committee.

A communication was received from the County council showing that the latter intended to lease at public auction, the public slip in Newcastle for 20 years at an upset price of 20 cents per year, the lessee to improve and keep the slip in good repair. Communication was received and filed.

The decision of the Supreme Court on Dec. 18th ult., re town's claim on Anderson Furniture Factory, was read. The court decided that the town must accept \$13,702.30 in full payment of the balance (\$18,000) due on the mortgage in annual instalments of \$1,000.

On motion of Alds. Morrissy and Doyle, the decision was accepted and the Mayor and town treasurer authorized to accept \$13,702.30 in full settlement.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee R. A. Lawlor's bill of \$15 for legal services was ordered paid.

On recommendation of Public Works Committee, the following bills were ordered paid:

Stothart Merc. Co.,	\$60 84
J. J. McNeeley,	31 65
D. & J. Ritchie & Co.,	348 89
C. Sargeant,	31 50

\$472 78

On recommendation of Light and Water Committee, following bills were passed:—

W. J. Hogan,	\$ 4 50
Lounsbury Co.,	2 50
Canadian Oil Co.,	15 05
Stothart Merc. Co.,	44 75
I. C. Coal Co.,	200 91
Canada Gen. Elec. Co.,	106 65

\$ 374 36

On recommendation of Park and Fire Committee, following bills were ordered paid:—

D. & J. Ritchie & Co.,	\$ 7 00
P. Hennessy,	2 41
T. J. Durick,	6 60
Sumner Co.,	65
Canadian Rubber Co.,	30 33
John Clark,	2 85
J. M. Humphrey,	26 00
B. F. Maltby,	8 98
W. J. Dunn,	5 00

\$ 89 72

T. W. Butler's bill re Scott Act for \$57, was ordered paid.

The Police Magistrate's report for 1908 was received, but not read. It was laid over to be reported upon by Police Committee. Adjourned.