

of the cairn, was quite oily from the spontaneous leakage of the tins seven feet above it on the top of the cairn.

The tins at the dépôts awaiting the Southern Party had of course been opened and the due amount to be taken measured out by the supporting parties on their way back. However carefully re-stoppered, they were still liable to the unexpected evaporation and leakage already described. Hence, without any manner of doubt, the shortage which struck the Southern Party so hard.

Note 27, p. 409.—The Fatal Blizzard. Mr. Frank Wild, who led one wing of Dr. Mawson's Expedition on the northern coast of the Antarctic continent, Queen Mary's Land, many miles to the west of the Ross Sea, writes that 'from March 21 for a period of nine days we were kept in camp by the same blizzard which proved fatal to Scott and his gallant companions' (*Times*, June 2, 1913). Blizzards, however, are so local that even when, as in this case, two are nearly contemporaneous, it is not safe to conclude that they are part of the same current of air.

TABLE OF DISTANCES showing the length of the Outward and Return Marches on the Barrier from and to One Ton Camp.

3 miles to each sub-division

Date	Camp No.			Camp No.	Date	
Nov. 15, 16	12	—One Ton Camp—				
	15					
Nov. 17	13		—The Last Camp—	R. 60	Mar. 19	
	15			R. 59	Mar. 18	
			. . . Lunch, 21 to Dépôt			
Nov. 18	14		. . . Lunch, 25½ to Dépôt	R. 58	Mar. 17	
	15			Blizz'd R. 57	Mar. 15	
				R. 56	Mar. 14	
Nov. 19	15			R. 55	Mar. 13	
	15		—47 to Dépôt—	5½	R. 54	Mar. 12
				7	R. 53	Mar. 11
				6.9		
Nov. 20	16	—Mt. Hooper Dépôt—		R. 52	Mar. 9-10	