

20. *Tea*.—Very good. Supply not sufficient to allow for extra issues. Advise an increase.

21. *Tea, Compressed*.—The convenience of this tea cannot be overestimated. Suggest that all the tea supplied should be compressed.

22. *Vinegar, Concentrated*.—Very good.

23. *Wort, Solid*.—None supplied.

24. *Pickles*.—Of all kinds good, especially onions and cabbage. Allowance ample.

25. *Blankets*.—Were small. The ordinary service blanket was infinitely preferred to the so-called "Hudson Bay Blanket" on account of size.

26. *Fisherman's Boots*.—Very good.

27. *Spare Soles*.—Good.

28 and 29. *Cloth, Cork-soled Boots*.—Very good. The leather at the toe covering the cork sole much too thin. Recommend box cloth tops instead of duffle. Supply should be larger; it would have been insufficient for three years.

30. *Spare Soles for*.—Good.

31. *Waterproof Preparation for Boots*.—Very good. Supply insufficient.

32. *Duck Boots*.—Very good, but insufficient room for foot gear.

33. *Knee Boots*.—Very good. Much used in summer.

34. *Cloth Slippers*.—Excellent for wear on lower deck. Supply insufficient for three years. Recommend two pairs for each man.

35. *Box Cloth Jackets*. 36. *Box Cloth Trousers*.—Very good material and very useful, but badly stitched, and cloth cut so close as to make no allowance for re-sewing seams. Supply sufficient if an extra pair of sealskin trousers are supplied.

37. *Down Shirts*. Very good for Quarter-Masters and sick. Supply sufficient.

38. *Wool Mitts*.—Grey Mitts much preferable, and should be supplied in lieu.

39. *Grey Mitts*.—Very good; found to wear best of all, with a Shetland wool mitt inside.

40. *Shetland Mitts*. 41. *Shetland Gloves*.—Very good. Large size should be supplied to allow for shrinking when they get wet.

42. *Caps, Shetland (Dundee)*.—Excellent; could not be improved upon.

43. *Yarn Pantaloon*s.—Useful, but the material very bad, being too open; soon went to pieces.

44. *Yarn Frocks*.—Wear very badly indeed, and were soon reduced to rags. The private blue close-knitted guernsey wore admirably, and were infinitely superior to those supplied to the Expedition.

45. *White Hose*.—Very good. Should be heeled with some strong woollen substance, such as fearnought, instead of chamois leather.

46. *Grey Hose*.—Very good. Would be better not heeled with chamois leather, but as suggested for the white hose. An extra supply would have been necessary for three years.

47. *Sou-westers*.—Very good. Only used when crossing the Atlantic, therefore could be dispensed with, particularly when (Dundee) Shetland caps are issued.

48. *Welsh Wigs*.—Very good and useful.

49. *Helmet Caps*.—Cloth with flannel lining wore excellently. Very good. These were supplied in lieu of Welsh wigs, and proved to be more serviceable.

50. *Moccasins*.—Most excellent things, but the supply would not have been half enough for three years. It was found necessary to attach leggings of canvas or shirt-sleeves to keep the snow from working into them, and also to greatly enlarge the toe end.

51. *Sealskin Jackets*.—Sealskins are invaluable for winter wear. The jackets and trousers were good, but in some cases there was a good deal of patchwork, and the stitches often gave way; in other cases the skins were very good; they are, however, unfit for hard work, by confining the perspiration.

52. *Sealskin Trousers*.—Very useful. It would be as well that they should have a soft lining inside the crutch and knees, as they wear out the under garments. A second pair would be required for a three years' supply.

53. *Sealskin Caps*.—Very good, but fitted badly, being too deep in the head part; should be fitted before leaving England.

54. *Sealskin Mitts*.—Excellent for exposure without exertion.

55. *Leather Mitts*.—Very useful, though the leather they were made of did not last long. Much used by the men when working lawwers.

56. *Carrier Pigeons*.—Perfectly useless.

57. *Colza Oil*.—Excellent.

58. *Stearine, Cocanut*.—Answered capitally.