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THE DISCOVERY'S VOYAGE TO ANTARCTICA.

AN EXPLORER'S OUTFIT.

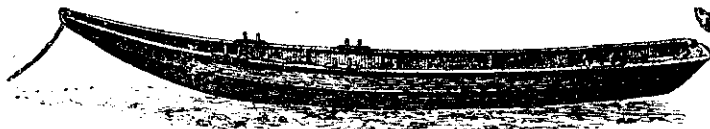
The British Antarctic exploring vessel Discovery arrived on Thursday last in Lyttelton, from which port she will take her departure on her adventurous voyage. We give below some of the chief articles used by the explorers. The provisions, general stores and instruments and the like have been purchased in England, but Norway has been called upon to furnish the main portion of the necessary fur clothing, sledges and travelling outfit. This peltry includes no fewer than fifty-one blouses of reindeer skins, fifteen of wolf, thirty-six breeches of reindeer and fifteen of wolf, 153 pairs of mitts, 234 pairs Lapp boots, 216 pairs of hide boots, sixty pimmies, sixty lined stockings boots for wear inside the pimmies,

102 pairs sheep-skin socks, twenty large reindeer sleeping bags, seven small sleeping bags for sledging parties, and one large six-men reindeer sleeping bag, thirty-six sheepskin caps, twenty-four wolf-skin caps, 123 selected reindeer skins, and so on, of a total value of over £730.

Among the travelling articles, all of which have been made from the best materials, there are seventy pairs of ski (long wooden snow shoes), six lift ski-sledges (that is to say, sledges with ski runners), nine 9ft. and five 7ft ski-sledges, beside five large iron-shod goods sledges, to be employed for transporting heavy weights from the water's edge to the depots, or over rough ice. There are also two canvas canoes, each to hold two men, and three prams—a large "ship's pram" for conveying stores from the ship to the shore, and other purposes, and two smaller ones for work among the ice. Prams have not been taken by any former expedition to Antarctic waters, but their value is well known in Scandinavia, where,

when the fjords are covered with drift ice or encrusted with newly-formed ice, no other form of boat could be employed, as with their duck-breast bows they never become wedged, and when a heavy floe is met with are simply hauled up on it and dragged along with ease until open water is met with at the other side. They will no doubt prove of great service to the expedition on all occasions, and invaluable when in the pack, or for exploring purposes along the shores of Antarctica. As will be seen from the above short description, nothing has been left undone in the

way of procuring an outfit of furs sufficient to meet all eventualities, while a more ample or better choice of travelling appliances has never been furnished to any former expedition. Everything else having been provided on an equally select and liberal scale, it is not too much to expect that, under the charge and guidance of such able officers as those appointed to the command, the scientific results will come fully up to the expectations of the nation which has just sent the expedition on its way, wishing it good speed and a safe return from a successful enterprise.



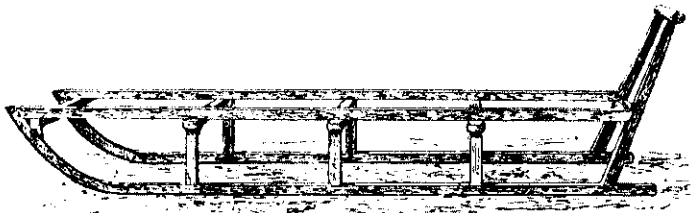
Pram for service in shallow and icy waters



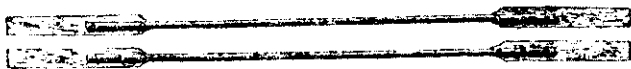
Ski Top view, side view, and Ski-staff.



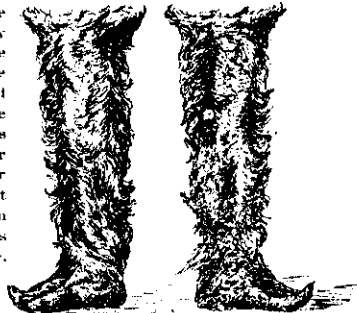
Ski-Sledge for the use of exploring parties



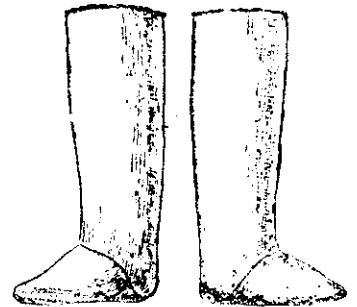
Sledge for transporting heavy goods, and rough work of all kinds



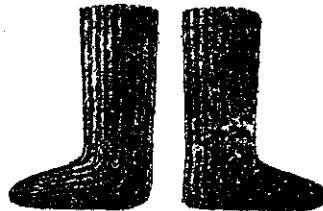
Canoe for two men, and its paddles



"Pimmies," or long boots of Reindeer skin



Stockings lined with dog skin to be worn inside the Pimmies



Stockings of human hair and wool to be worn with hide boots



Blouse of Reindeer Skin with Mitts attached



Lapp boots of Reindeer skin



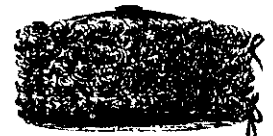
"Lapparsku" Hide boots worn with string



Wolf-skin cap.



Breeches of Reindeer skin



Sheep-skin cap; 1 as worn in mild weather, 2 as worn in cold

