

and the sledges were hoisted on the davits, so that they could be let down at a moment's notice in case of need.

The petroleum launch, which was of no use to us as it was, but would afford good materials for runners and other things, was brought from the great hummock and taken to pieces. It was built of choice elm, and a couple of planks were immediately used for runners to those of the sledges, which, for lack of material, were as yet unprovided with these appliances.

The medicine-chest, which had also lain in depot at the great hummock, was fetched and stowed away in one of the long-boats, which had been placed on the pressure-ridge hard by the ship. The contents had taken no harm, and nothing had burst with the frost, although there were several medicines in the chest which contained no more than 10 per cent. of alcohol.

At that time we were also busy selecting and weighing provisions and stores for eleven men for a seventy days' sledging expedition and a six months' sojourn on the ice. The kinds of provisions and their weight will be seen from the accompanying table :

## SEVENTY DAYS' SLEDGE PROVISIONS FOR ELEVEN MEN

	Pounds
Cadbury's chocolate, 5 boxes of 48 pounds . . . . .	240
Meat chocolate . . . . .	25
Wheaten bread, 16 boxes of 44 pounds . . . . .	704
Danish butter, 12 tins of 28 pounds . . . . .	336
Lime-juice tablets . . . . .	2
Fish flour (Professor Våge's) . . . . .	50
Viking potatoes, 3 tins of 26 pounds . . . . .	78
Knorr's pea-soup . . . . .	5
"    lentil-soup . . . . .	5
"    bean-soup . . . . .	5
Bovril, 2 boxes . . . . .	104
Vril-food, 1 box . . . . .	48
Oatmeal, 1 box . . . . .	80
Serin powder, 1 box . . . . .	50
Aleuronate bread, 5 boxes of 50 pounds . . . . .	250
Pemmican, 6 boxes . . . . .	340
"    7 sacks . . . . .	592
Liver, 1 sack . . . . .	102
Total . . . . .	3016

Besides these we took salt, pepper, and mustard