

DATE	MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	
	<i>Centigrade</i>	<i>Fahrenheit</i>
September 18th . . . . .	— 12.5	+ 9.6
September 26th . . . . .	— 24.0	— 11.2
October 19th . . . . .	— 30.0	— 22.0
November 5th . . . . .	— 32.2	— 25.8
November 9th . . . . .	— 38.3	— 36.8
November 22d . . . . .	— 43.6	— 46.4
December 31st . . . . .	— 44.6	— 48.2

The weather was, as a rule, fine during the last three months of 1895, with clear air and light breezes; only now and then (for example, on October 29th, and November 11th, 26th, and 27th) the wind freshened to half a gale, with a velocity of as much as 48 feet per second.

In the beginning of September we found that the *Fram* was drawing more and more water, so that we had a stiff job every day to pump and bale her empty. But from the 23d onward the leakage steadily declined, and about the second week of October the engine-room was quite water-tight. It still leaked a little, however, in the main hold; but soon the leak ceased here also, the water having frozen in the ship's side. For the rest, we employed our time in all sorts of work about the ship, cutting up and removing ice in the hold, cleaning, putting things in order, etc.

Not until September 23d did the state of the ice permit us to carry out our intention of fetching back the things from the great hummock. The surface was that day excellent for sledges with German-silver runners; wooden runners, on the other hand, went rather heavily. We had also done some road-making here and there, so that the conveyance of the goods went on easily and rapidly. We brought back to the ship, in all, thirty-six boxes of dog biscuits, and four barrels of petroleum. Next day we brought all that was left, and stacked it on the ice close to the ship.

On September 16th Scott-Hansen and Nordahl set about preparations for building a proper house for their magnetic ob-