ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON'S PLANS.

SELECTING THE STAFF.

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The whole of the programme of the Antarctic Expedition with the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition have not yet been made, and selection of the staff are depending on permission being given by the government. Sir Ernest Shackleton expects to have a new staff selected in a few weeks, principally for the Shackleton Ward, and it is expected that the expedition shall be the Ross Sea ship. The fleet will consist of Sir Ernest Shackleton, head of the expedition, aged 59; Sir Howard Wills, the joint scientist-explorer, aged 57; Dr. George Marston, assistant, aged 45; Captain John Macpherson, 1st Class, aged 41; Mr. George Wills, 2nd Class, aged 39; and Mr. A. E. Macnab, aged 36.

For the Ross Sea ship, Captain Alan Macfie, aged 43, will command, and Mr. George Wills, 2nd Class, as first mate. The expedition will leave England on March 1, and will not arrive in the Southern Ocean before the middle of April.

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PURPOSES AND PLANS.

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To Sail in August.

Arrangements are being made with the British Admiralty for the expedition to sail in August. The Ross Sea ship will leave England on July 1, and will not arrive in the Southern Ocean before the middle of August.

The Shackleton Ward will leave England on June 1, and will not arrive in the Southern Ocean before the middle of July.

From sleds and penguins, and this can be varied by a certain amount of frozen food, seeds, and this varied course of food is almost certain to appear.

Polar Bears Greater To-day.

It will no doubt come as a big surprise to most people to learn that in Shackleton's opinion the polar explorer of the future will rely greatly on his predecessors with their infinitely inferior equipment. This is Sir Ernest's amazing statement of the situation in the Antarctic.

"In the older days, with their poorer equipment, the polar explorer was a large factor of equipment. When he came to the end of this he had always to face a position in which he could do nothing but wait. Now, with the modern polar explorer taking greater risks and even more difficult conditions, he has much less from his favorite. And in the days of the future, his chances of returning safely are not so great. Briefly put, the point is this: there is no longer any reason, method, and then you come down to the modern man, that he should not be able to perform his duties with more comfort, health, and pressure, and get a better chance. In the old days, again, it would take him a month to build a tent, and now he can do it in a few minutes. In the old days, again, it would take him a day to build a tent, and now he can do it in a few minutes. In the old days, again, it would take him a day to build a tent, and now he can do it in a few minutes. In the old days, again, it would take him a day to build a tent, and now he can do it in a few minutes."

90 MILES AN HOUR.

MORE ANTARCTIC EXPERIENCE.

Since the gallop little wooden ship Antarctic crossed the Southern Ocean, there has been much hero worship in Adelaide. Not that the polar explorers from the Shackleton Ward are not Oxford and Cambridge graduates, but their enthusiasm for Shackleton and his assistants have been much admired. Shackleton has been quite a hero in Adelaide, and the public has been much interested in his work. Shackleton has been quite a hero in Adelaide, and the public has been much interested in his work.