

LOCATION OF THE ASSETS OF THE AUSTRALASIAN ANTARCTIC
EXPEDITION OF 1911 - 1914. INVENTORY AS REQUIRED
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO
BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT.

PHOTOGRAPHIC NEGATIVES. With the exception of a few which have been listed in my earlier correspondence, these have all been forwarded to Sydney. The few that remain are carefully stored in a special room at my house, Brighton, South Australia. These are negatives specially held back as they may be required in preparing some of the later manuscripts for printing.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINTS AND ENLARGEMENTS: These have been forwarded from time to time in batches, associated with manuscript submitted for printing. In this way a proportion have already reached Sydney. A large number of prepared enlargements illustrating the bird life of Antarctica have been forwarded to Mr. Iredale, Australian Museum. These are in his charge until he submits manuscript of the bird volume, when they will be handed in as usual. The remainder, divided up into their various sections, and carefully wrapped up and preserved, are stacked on a special table in my private laboratory at the University of Adelaide. They are temporarily in Mr. Madigan's care. I need them in the working up a further manuscript for publication. There is however a parcel of carbon enlargements which I shall not need for this work, and which I have arranged to have forwarded to you within the next few days.

METEOROLOGICAL LOGS AND DOCUMENTS: The whole of the logs and papers relating to meteorology have been forwarded to Dr. E. Kidson, Dominion Meteorologist, Wellington, New Zealand. As you know, he has been entrusted with the discussion of the meteorological results, and it is essential that he should have

at his elbow, not only the printed reports that have already appeared, but also all original documents. The third volume of meteorology has not been forwarded to you for printing, though it has been prepared. I sent it to Kidson first, because otherwise he was quite held up in preparing discussion. These documents are all in quite safe hands, and you will have no difficulty collecting them all when the work is done.

MAGNETIC RECORDS: Although several volumes of magnetic matter has been printed, yet there are still two subdivisions not yet completed. In order to prepare these parts, the collaborators must have the original documents. The whole of the magnetic records, therefore, together with papers relating to Aurora and wireless transmission are in Great Britain in the hands of Dr. G. S. Wright, Research Department, Admiralty, London S.W., or with Dr. Whipple of the Magnetic Observatory, Old Deer Park, Richmond, Surrey. These papers will be forwarded back to you in due course when the work is completed.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOGS AND PAPERS: These are all in my hands; they include the ship's papers, my own notebooks, and survey notebooks from Macquarie Island, Adelic Land, and Queen Mary Land. With these are certain field maps and sketches. These are all safely housed at my house, Brighton, S.A., in special cabinets. It is absolutely necessary for me to retain these papers until I have completed the manuscripts for publication.

REPORTS OF SLEDGE PARTIES, GEOLOGICAL AND OTHER FIELD WORK: All such reports as were prepared of this nature are in my hands, carefully preserved at Brighton for further reference and preparation of manuscript.

LOGS RELATING TO SOUNDINGS FROM THE SHIP: I have these also at my house in Brighton, but they are still needed for reference until Series "A", Vol. II is prepared.

MANAGERIAL AND FINANCIAL PAPERS: There are still a few packets of papers of this kind stored in a special box at my house. This is well known to my wife, who can forward the papers to you should I not return, but I shall still be requiring some of these papers to complete some of the manuscript later on, so am holding them back.

THE BIOLOGICAL TROPHIES: According to the agreement with the New South Wales Government, all zoological and botanical collections are their property. I understand that, as each group has been described, the specimens have been sent back to the Australian Museum, Sydney. There are yet a number of these collections outstanding, and I have indicated, so far as I am able, where all these outstanding collections are to be found. This indication appears on a schedule relating to the published and forthcoming volumes of Series "C", which I posted to you this morning.

GEOLOGICAL AND MINERALOGICAL TROPHIES: A consignment of rocks on Macquarie Island was forwarded to the Australian Museum some time ago. I believe also a few of the larger Antarctic specimens went with them. Apart from these, the whole of the rock and mineral collections are still with me in Adelaide. They are all packed up in boxes, and stacked by themselves in places well known to Acting Professor Madigan, and to my mechanical assistant Mr. Brock. Should anything happen to me, Mr. Madigan can handle all this material and arrange for it to be sent to the Australian Museum. Some of it has already been dealt with, but these specimens are still needed for reference and comparison in connection with the working up of the material of the other portions of the geological report. That is the reason why they have been held back. If they were to be forwarded to Sydney now, it would not be possible for me to complete the report.

In addition to the above specimens, there is a collection of granites from Antarctica in the care of Professor Summers, Geological Department, University, Melbourne. He has had these in his hands for description for some time past. There is also the collection of rocks from Queen Mary Land in the hands of Dr. C. E. Tilley of the Sedgwick Museum, Cambridge, Eng. These are being described by Dr. Tilley at the present time.

TIDAL RECORDS: These are at my office Adelaide and I have given orders for them to be forwarded to you.

(Sgd) DOUGLAS MAWSON.

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