

Trousers, S.D. : New band-linings, pocket, crutch-piece, fly, and button-catch are fitted in the renovation process at a cost of 4s. The new garment would cost 17s., and the saving effected is thus 13s.

Pantaloons : New band-lining, two pockets, crutch-piece, fly, and button-catch and buttons resewn at a cost of 4s. 6d. The new garment would cost £1 2s., and the saving effected is 17s. 6d.

Putties : Laundered and made equal to new for the sum of 6d. per pair. Original cost, 6s. ; saving effected, 5s. 6d. Soiled ends are cut off, new pieces rejoined, thus utilizing the article to the best advantage.

Shirts, work : New collar-bands are fitted, buttons resewn, and garments made equal to new at a cost of 1s. 1d. Original cost, 8s. ; saving effected, 6s. 11d.

Shirts, under : Buttons resewn and garment thoroughly washed and disinfected at a cost of 9d. Original cost, 6s. ; saving effected, 5s. 3d.

Pants, under : New crutch-piece, new tape, buttons resewn, laundered and disinfected at a cost of 1s. Original cost, 6s. ; saving effected, 5s.

Jerseys : This article is put to good use and laundered at a cost of 7d., and holes darned at a cost of 1d. per hole. Original cost, 8s. ; saving, 7s. 5d.

The attached schedule shows the number of garments received for the above period, cost of renovation of same, also the cost of new garments :—

Article.	Number.	Cost New.	Cost of Renovation.	Saving.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jackets, S.D.	14,910	1 10 0	0 7 6	..
		22,365 0 0	5,591 5 0	16,763 15 0
Trousers, S.D.	10,190	0 17 0	0 4 0	..
		8,661 10 0	2,038 0 0	6,623 10 0
Pantaloons	603	1 2 0	0 4 6	..
		663 6 0	135 13 6	527 12 6
Greatcoats	14,380	2 11 6	0 6 0	..
Warmers, M.S.	438	38,285 2 0	4,460 8 0	33,824 14 0
Putties, pairs	1,849	0 6 0	0 0 6	..
		554 14 0	48 4 6	508 10 0
Jerseys	11,716	0 8 0	0 0 7	..
		4,686 8 0	341 14 4	4,344 13 8
Shirts, working	17,323	0 8 0	0 1 1	..
		6,929 4 0	938 6 7	5,990 17 5
Shirts, under	17,315	0 6 0	0 0 9	..
		5,194 10 0	649 6 3	4,543 3 9
Drawers, woollen	16,240	0 6 0	0 1 0	..
		4,872 0 0	812 0 0	4,060 0 0
Total	..	..	..	77,186 16 4

CLOTHING SHIPPED OVERSEAS.

During this period the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the United Kingdom were supplied with—Jackets, 25,000 ; trousers, 15,040 ; shirts, work, 42,952 ; shirts, under, 18,056 ; drawers, pairs, 18,015 ; jerseys, 24,760 ; socks, pairs, 39,068 ; putties, pairs, 15,096 ; boots, pairs, 42,900 ; shoes, pairs, 14,000. The Forces in Egypt were supplied with—Jackets, 2,000. The total value of these articles was £153,600.

THE EPIDEMIC.

In November last during the epidemic that had such terrible effects on the populace of this city every assistance was given by the Ordnance Department to the civil community in the way of equipping temporary hospitals. To cope with the need for hospital accommodation, temporary hospitals were opened in some half-dozen buildings. All were equipped by the Ordnance Department, and the staff are to be congratulated for the way they rose to the occasion and worked night and day.

ORGANIZATION.

During the year the strength of the New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps has increased materially. This was due to the taking-over of the camps and the rush of work consequent on demobilization, In recruiting for the corps, and in accordance with para. 28, Regulations for Ordnance Services (N.Z.). preference is given to returned soldiers.

Eleven Staff Sergeants have been seconded for duty as Quartermaster-Sergeants with units, and Ordnance is filling all vacancies as they occur.

LAUNDRY-WORK.

Laundry-work on the Department's behalf throughout the Dominion is on a satisfactory basis. The contracts are let by competitive tenders, and contractors are required to comply with the Department's conditions, which leave no loophole for careless work. The laundry-work in Wellington has reached great proportions in connection with the renovation of clothing.