

Some Facts Concerning the Grenfell Mission.

Thirty-five years ago Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell (Bscen.) J.R.C.S. was a medical missionary on a trawler in the North Sea. Feeling that others could do this work as well he volunteered to undertake much more arduous work among the fisher folk of the Labrador, and in 1892 came out to the fishing fleet on that Coast.

He was single-handed but he did what he could and little by little interested others in his endeavor; he fought and overcame religious and political opposition from many quarters; and under his enthusiastic leadership the work grew in importance until now it embraces six hospitals and a hospital steamer, four nursing stations, an orphanage industrial and social service departments, the fostering of co-operative stores for the betterment of living conditions among the people, and a Seaman's Institute at St. John's, Nfld., which latter has become the only self-supporting Seaman's Institute on the Atlantic Coast.

The field of Dr. Grenfell's work includes the Northern peninsula of Newfoundland, including with a total resident population of 47,000 people consisting mainly of the descendants of English Scotch and French pioneers, who went there for the fishing; the Canadian Labrador comprising a stretch of nearly three hundred miles from Natashquan to Blanc Sablon in the Straits of Belle Isle, with a resident population of over 3,000 white people of the same extraction; and from the Straits of Belle Isle northward on the Newfoundland Labrador to Cape Chidley there is a population of approximately 3,000