

## GETTING ACQUAINTED

sitting back smoking a cigarette as unconcernedly as if he had n't kept us waiting half a day for him."

"I'll tell the skipper, and ease his mind," suggested Remington, and striding forward he called out cheerily:

"All right, Captain Bluntt, Master Densmore is coming. You may put out as soon as you please when he's aboard."

"Very vexing! Very vexing, Mr. Remington!" exclaimed Captain Bluntt. "Fair wind, fair tide, and losing advantage of it, sir! All right, sir, all right. We'll weigh anchor at once, sir."

In a moment sailors were working at the windlass, anchor chains were clanking, and the men singing in rhythmic unison as they swung up and down at the crank handles. Then the engines began to pulsate.

The *North Star* had been chartered by the two young men — George Remington and Henry Ainsworth — for a summer's voyage to Hudson Bay. Both were enthusiastic sportsmen, and Remington, who had once before visited the region, had promised Ainsworth