

## Introduction

**W**E were a group of tourists, pleasure seekers and anglers, enjoying the cooling breezes of the Lower St. Lawrence on the deck of a North Shore trading steamer approaching the River Godbout.

A small canoe had shot out from the shore, less than a mile away, in response to the steamer's whistle, and the captain had raised his binoculars to examine its approach and occupant.

We were discussing the Deep Sea Mission to the fishermen of the Newfoundland Labrador, when the captain interrupted the conversation with the remark, "Well, here comes the Grenfell of the Canadian Labrador."

I was the only one of the group, outside of the captain, who needed no introduction to the author of this book. Amongst his readers there will be many who will require no introduction, for Mr. Napoléon A. Comeau is personally known to travellers, sportsmen, scientists and explorers in every part of the American continent, and by reputation to a still wider circle of acquaintances.

To those to whom his name is new I might say, with the captain of the steamer "Here comes the