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"UP ALONG THE LABRADOR."

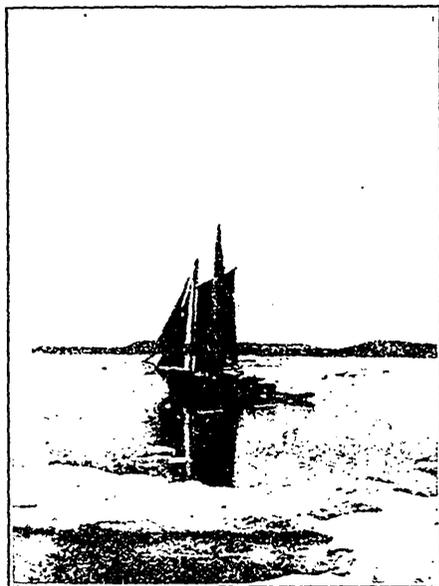
BY THE EDITOR.

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NOT many persons in Canada, or the United States either, are aware that within a few days' sail of Canadian and American ports one may reach a majestic range of coast rivalling in its fjords and mountains the far-famed coast of Norway. Dr. Grenfell, who is familiar with every inch of both,

declares that some of the northern bights and fjords of Labrador are unequalled by any on the Scandinavian coast. During the summer season a comfortable steamer, the "Virginia Lake," makes fortnightly trips from St. John's, Newfoundland, as far as Nain, calling at over a hundred bights, bays, "tickles," and fishing harbors along the coast. The "Virginia Lake" was specially constructed for the seal-fishing. She is solidly built of wood. Iron would be perfectly useless amid the ice fields. It would shiver like glass if pinched by floes, whereas the sturdy wooden ship will slip up out of their grasp like an apple seed squeezed between the fingers. The "Virginia Lake" is a staunch and sturdy craft with comfortable dining saloon and state-rooms, good promenade deck, and an officers' quarter-deck to which passengers are welcome if they will not speak to the



A FISHING SCHOONER OFF LABRADOR.

man at the wheel. A writer in the Boston Transcript says:

"Very few people who read about the wonders of Arctic travel realize how near and how accessible the wonders of sub-arctic life are to Boston, and at what small expense (about \$100 and one month's time) a trip can be taken to this region where all the phenomena of the northern seas can be seen. Icebergs, the aurora borealis, vast herds of seals, the grandest marine scenery on the north Atlantic