

"So there are; his brother isn't going to school."

"I suppose there is heaps of luggage; duffers always have such rafts of it."

By this time the boat was moored, and the youthful commander bounded up the steps, the very personification of health; the short, crisp, black curls escaping from beneath his cap, brown eyes, and a lithe, muscular figure, he looked every inch an ideal school boy. Stepping past the boys, he bowed easily, and addressed Mr. Morel: "Are you going over to the island?"

"Yes, with these boys; there is a quantity of luggage also, but I believe you expected that from your remarks," he replied mischievously.

The boy coloured slightly and smiled when he discovered he had been overheard. "It's the truth, though," he said, looking up frankly. "You see I notice, because I nearly always come over for passengers."

"We must see about getting it aboard."

"I will attend to that if you will show me what is to go. Here William, you and Tom get these trunks into the boat," as Mr. Morel pointed them out. "I say Ted, which are your's and your cousin's?"

"Over there."

"All right, put this lot in too," he added, laying his hand on the trunks, and addressing the men.

"Any big fellows here yet, Charley?"

"Yes, Terrence and Wylie, thought Qurllest would be here to-day; where's your Gov'nor?"

"Went to the village, soon be back, here he is now!"

"Just get all the people into the boat—that's a good fellow; I'll cut up for the letters, be back in a jiff."

He soon returned with the letters and papers for the school that had come in the mail, and finding the party all seated, the boat started; a short row over the quiet waters, during which the boys improved their acquaintanceship, and they reached the Island wharf, where they were met by the Principal, Mr. Chauncy, who after introducing himself took the gentlemen for a tour of inspection.

"I say Buz," said Phil as his uncle and brother were leaving for home, "just tell Cloudy he ought'er be here."

"Take care of yourself Phil; here is a tip, don't let the boys