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JOHN U. GREGORY, the actual chief of the Minister of Marine, at Quebec, was born at West Troy, N. Y., in 1834. He is one of the sons of the late Dr. S. Gregory, whose father was a retired officer in the British Army. Mr. Gregory is English on his father's side and French on the side of his mother, who was the daughter of Dr. Henri Aussem, a distinguished surgeon in the French Army. About the time of his birth his family resided at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and it was there he received his preliminary education. Some years later he followed his family to Montreal, where he completed his studies. In 1863, the Canadian Government appointed him to the important position which he now occupies with jurisdiction from Montreal to the Atlantic Ocean. In 1868, he was appointed a Commissioner to investigate the condition of the Labrador fishermen, and on his return he submitted to the Government a voluminous and very valuable report, explaining the life, condition and resources of these poor, isolated people. No person has a better knowledge of the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence than Mr. Gregory. In his official capacity he has visited Labrador, Anticosti, Magdalen Islands and other important points in the Gulf, and his observations have been of great assistance to historians and economists throughout the world. Mr. Gregory has made many trips to Europe and



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various parts of the American continent, and his account of these trips and the happy manner in which it is written render it very interesting. In 1882, he offered his services to the Government in obtaining an exhibit of our fish and aquatic animals for the London International Exposition. He spent much time and had to undergo many hardships and privations in effecting his object and succeeded in obtaining the largest and finest collection ever made. Apart from the eulogistic notices from all parts, he received a gold medal, a diploma of honorable mention, and a handsome gratuity from the Government in appreciation of his valuable services. Mr. Gregory has written many excellent articles on a

very important subject,—the Marine and Fisheries of Canada, and has published an interesting volume now before us, *En Racontant*, of his trips to Florida, Labrador, and in the St. Lawrence. He is also a regular correspondent of *Forest and Stream*, and his contributions are most favorably received by the sporting fraternity. Mr. Gregory is Commodore of the Quebec Yacht Club and a member of several learned societies. He successively accompanied Lord Dufferin, the Marquis of Lorne and the Marquis of Lansdowne in their Lower St. Lawrence rambles, and holds from each of them a pleasant souvenir for his attention to them. He is one of the most pleasant companions that one

can meet with and has a faculty for telling stories that totally eclipses the Arabian Nights Entertainments. As a friend remarked to us a few months ago, by way of local comparison, "He is a second Charles Pennoyer as a story teller."

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They were walking up Factory Street and she felt quite indignant after asking her escort how the people expected to cross the Magog River, so as to connect the North Ward with the C. P. R. station, when he replied, "Why! bridge it!" And she told him that she didn't allow anyone to call her by her "christened name" on so short an acquaintance,