



and life, its boats are sent out in brigades. The propriety of this course is the more evident when the broken lines of navigation are reached. A heavy fall necessitates a portage. The boats must be emptied, lifted out of the water, and dragged across the land to the quiet stream above the boiling flood. Three boats' crews can haul one boat with ease, but fewer men would be compelled to abandon the journey where the falls are wild and the banks are precipitous. No missionary has ever yet, in the history of the North Land, had capital enough to equip and maintain a brigade of boats, even if he had freighting enough to keep them employed.

Circumstances will sometimes render it very inconvenient to wait for the arrival and departure of conveyances that are controlled by a corporation which never hurries; and then the needy missionary must measure the distance by personal effort, and obtain what is essential to comfort at the expense of his muscle. If it be in the winter, dog-trains are the only available means of transport, but in summer he can use the indispensable birch-bark canoe. With this craft he can follow the trend of the coast so closely that at any moment, when danger threatens, canoe and all can be lifted on shore, and refuge found among the hills, or beneath the pines. Anything