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"Explanation of Frontispiece.

"**T**HE FRONTISPIECE represents a Winter Scene on the seacoast of LABRADOR, with the *Author* taking his usual walk round his fox-traps. He is supposed to have got sight of some deer, and has put his dog's hood on, to keep him quiet. His hat (which is white,) north-wester, wrappers, cuffs, breeches, and buskins, are English; his jacket (which is made of Indian-dressed deerskin, and painted,) sash, and rackets are Mountaineer; and his shoes Esquimau. The pinovers of his northwester are loose, and hang down on the right side of it. On his back is a trap, fixed by a pair of slings, in the manner of a soldier's knapsack. A bandoleer hangs across his breast, from his right shoulder; to which are fastened a black fox and his hatchet. A German rifle is on his

CAPTAIN CARTWRIGHT

left shoulder. In the background is a yellow fox in a trap; beyond him, there is a white bear crossing the ice of a narrow harbour; and at the mouth of the harbour the view is terminated by a peep at the sea, which is frozen over. The tops of a few small rocks appear, and the rocky summits of the distant hills are bare, but all the rest of the ground is covered with snow."

—"*A Journal of Transactions and events during a Residence of nearly sixteen years on the COAST OF LABRADOR.*" By *George Cartwright, Esq.*, Newark, 1792.

Preface

LABRADOR is an interesting country. It is near at hand and easily accessible, yet it is but little known. Two mail-steamers, which carry passengers, sail to Labrador from Newfoundland, and Newfoundland is quickly and easily reached from Sydney, Cape Breton. One steamer, the *Home*, sails once a week from the Bay of Islands on the west coast of Newfoundland, skirts this mountainous shore, crosses the Straits of Belle Isle, and, after touching at a dozen places on the southern coast of Labrador, reaches Battle Harbour. Here it turns about for the return journey.

The other mail-steamer, the *Virginia Lake*, leaves St. Johns at the end of the railroad on the east coast of Newfoundland once in two weeks, follows this picturesque coast, and crosses the Straits directly to Battle Harbour.

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From here it proceeds to Nain, or as far north as the ice will permit.

As we wished to see as much of the Labrador coast as possible, in our brief summer vacation, my companion and I combined the trips. We went by the *Home* to and from Battle Harbour, and from the latter place to Nain and back by the *Virginia Lake*.

Although the birds were the chief objects of my study, I found many points of interest in Labrador. Nowhere can one find so near home icebergs and the floe. These alone made the trip well worth while. The scenery, the geology, the flowers and trees, the fish and fishermen, the Eskimos and Eskimo dogs, the Hudson's Bay Company's posts, the Moravians and Doctor Grenfell's Mission are all of unusual interest.

When the Eastern States are smothering in July and August heat, the cool air of Labrador has its attractions. Certainly one can obtain a more complete change in a brief visit to Labrador than in any other way.

Nearly all the photographs reproduced here

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were taken by Dr. Glover M. Allen and myself. Several were taken the previous summer by Dr. W. P. Bolles and Dr. E. A. Crockett. To all of these, particularly to Doctor Allen, the companion of my travels, I wish to express my thanks.

Boston, *September, 1906.*

