

foot railway embankment, through a land of muskeg and fallen timber, giving the only good footing that is to be found in an old Indian portage.

The last of the Montagnais Indians vanished from this place about twenty years ago, but one finds here and there traces of their camps and *câches* and may still follow, though with difficulty, their winding, nearly obliterated trails. If he is possessed by the speed demon which now ceases not to whisper "faster, faster" in our ears, he may be disappointed to find that a full day's march in this country only means such a distance as his motor, without police interference, would carry him over in a quarter of an hour. Haply though, he may be able to appreciate the spirit of the old Connaughtman's comment on the racing-cars whirling past the door of his cabin: "Sure sor, if ye was to go as fast as that ye'd be gettin' there too soon." In that case he may understand the charm of travelling where there is leisure for observation, and where the sun and his stomach are clocks enough for all reasonable and necessary purposes. If his way lies along a *chemin débarrassé* there will be no trees which would block the passage of a canoe, but nothing will be cut that can by any possibility be stepped over. As board and lodging must be carried on the back, two miles an hour, not including stops, will be an excellent rate of progress, nor will he be likely to quarrel with the woodland custom of halting for five minutes or so twice in the hour. Indeed, unless somewhat hardened to the trail, he may have to cry for mercy before the end of the *bauge* is reached. This local word, which I may misspell, does not seem to be translatable, unless indeed it is rendered by "jag."

The unit for rapid travel is three men in a light canvas-covered canoe, and everything but actual necessities must be sternly rejected if the party is to go straight forward without doubling at the portages. One man for the canoe, one for the tent, provisions, and cooking outfit, and the "Monsieur" going light with personal baggage, blanket, and such other trifles as rifle, glasses, rod, and camera. Travelling