

being prepared for the navvies, and the work is to be finished for tracklaying long before the snow flies

When the party assembled again at Bull's place, they were given ten minutes to get their fish, specimens, tackle and trappings aboard the special train waiting to run them over newly laid track at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. For some miles the engine staggered to and fro, rose and fell as if riding a heavy swell, while the coach lurched with uncomfortable violence. When the regularly ballasted line was reached, the procession soon settled down to a steady flight, and the gloomy tamarac swamps

carpeted with grey moss, the uplands shimmering in green, danced by and faded away behind; black peat bogs rushed out from under the wheels, gem-like lakes sparkled a moment through the trees and then disappeared, the rank grass and the milk white blossoms of the wild strawberry chequered the earth. The brawling trout stream caused a momentary pang of regret, but the steady klink-a-klunk of the wheels and the moving panorama showed evidences of haste, and that the speckled beauties would be unmolested this time.

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