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On the Soo Branch

Fully 600 men are now making the dirt fly on the Sault branch of the DSS&A, over 100 Italians having been received from Buffalo this week, while the contractors are picking up all the men near there that they can get. No trouble is being experienced from water, as some had feared, as the snow has been disappearing so gradually as not to cause any thing of a flood in the lowlands. There all the work now is on construction all along the division. The right of way, having been cut out from the junction to the Sault, and such good progress is being made that W. L. Webb, the engineer of the division says he would not be surprised if there were 25 miles ready for the iron by May 1.