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Tra-K-arts on Canadian Pacific

BASICALLY small 48-cc. motorcycles with sidecar adapted to run on railway track, three "Tra-K-arts" currently are in use by CP Telecommunications linemen on maintenance work in Canada's Prairie region. The motorcycle and specially-constructed rail-gauge frame are transported by lorry to the nearest crossing and assembled as one unit by two bolts. Weighing only 110 lb. compared to about 1,200 lb. of conventional track motors—these now are kept for heavier maintenance work—it can be readily lifted off and on the track by a single line-



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man to allow trains through. Top speed is 32 m.p.h. and petrol consumption 210 miles per gallon.