

## PETITION

OF

RIPARIAN PROPRIETORS AND RESIDENTS ALONG  
OTAWA RIVER.

(No. 1.)

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*To the Parliament of Canada.*

We the undersigned riparian proprietors along the banks of the Ottawa in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, between the city of Ottawa and Grenville, have heard with regret that according to the provisions of an Act passed during the last session of the Parliament of Canada, the privileges heretofore enjoyed by the saw-mills upon the Ottawa river and its tributaries, of throwing sawdust and mill refuse into the water, will be withdrawn after the 1st May next.

We understand that it has been alleged that one reason for such action on the part of the Canadian Parliament was that it was injurious to lands fronting upon the river and to the inhabitants dwelling upon these lands, and we beg respectfully to state that such is not the case. Not only have we suffered no injury from the practice referred to, but it has been a positive benefit to us insomuch as it brings to our doors a large quantity of material suitable for firewood, and also deposits upon our shores more or less sawdust, which we find very valuable for use upon our clay lands.

Wherefore we humbly pray that you may be pleased to re-enact that provision of the Fisheries Act which provides that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries may exempt from the operation of the Fisheries Act, wholly or partially, any stream or streams in respect to which he considers that its enforcement is not requisite in the public interest.