

SAWDUST AND FISH.

UNDER a Dominion statute it is illegal to pass sawdust into streams or rivers containing protected fish. When the act was passed many years ago, it was generally believed that sawdust was very poisonous to fish. Now, however, the Dominion Fish Commissioner, Professor Prince, denies that any healthy adult fish has ever been killed by sawdust. On the other hand, Mr. Bastedo, the Ontario Fish Commissioner, says that nothing is more destructive to fish life than sawdust, and he proposes to enforce the law vigorously. Last summer three mill owners were fined for violating the Dominion Act. Under these circumstances, Professor Knight's article, reprinted from the transactions of *The Canadian Institute*, is timely. In the light of what he reveals, it is quite clear that the Ontario Executive should discontinue its crusade against mill owners, at least for the present; and that the Honourable Mr. Prefontaine should instruct the Dominion Fish Commissioner to institute a thorough investigation into the whole subject.

Some of our readers, during their all too brief holidays, are enthusiastic anglers. They, as well as lumbermen and fishermen, are vitally interested in this question. The sooner, therefore, it is settled beyond all doubt the better. We would suggest that our readers write either to their representatives at Ottawa or directly to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and urge upon him the necessity for prompt action.
