

exactly 100 are cut. The loss of just one trunk on the way to the sawmill must be accounted for. Nonetheless, timber industry workers there count other things as well, such as how much and in what year timber will be received from this or that forest strip. An you can rest assured they will receive it as planned. Nothing less. But under no circumstances more.

Krasnoyarsk logging and timber distribution establishments meanwhile cut everything growing on the allotment. They then "determine" how much has been cut in actuality. The count is kept for the plan and for wages. They cut 2-3 times more. The same state of affairs exists at logging and sawmill operations. Here are the figures: using such "technology", 57% of forests go into the making of sawdust. For the present, trunks are brought to the industrial log depot, where a good many are warped and broken. And later every tenth trunk will sink during floating.

It might be said that counting trees is no job for rivermen. But we have common resources. Rivers too cannot survive without forests. Small rivers in the deforested taiga are already growing shallow and drying up. For the present we have not detected any drop in the Yenisei's water supply. This could occur within our generation. It surely will occur if we do not stop the axe which has been raised over the taiga.

#### Our Correspondent's Commentary

The thoughts and conclusions of artist T. Ryannel' and steamship line head A. Pechenik, as you see, concur in many respects. The situation is