

RIM FIRE RIFLES

COLOR MASTER LINE - MODEL 572

Preparations for manufacture are proceeding satisfactorily, and approximately 75 barrels are in process. The Ilion Plant expects to meet the previously submitted warehouse schedule.

MODEL 552

The Sales Department reported that specific comments had been received from only two sportswriters (Keith and Page), but that these have been enthusiastic. Reception by the trade has continued to be good, with orders to date amounting to approximately 25,000. 83

It was reported that several guns had been received with broken stocks. The committee noted that this is a very common complaint with Remington rifles, particularly of those shipped overseas, and they asked the Ilion Plant to make every effort to improve the methods of packing for shipment. H. J. Hackman reported that the Ilion Plant is continuing to work on this difficult problem, which admittedly has not yet been completely solved.

Gallery Version

The gallery gun submitted to Research and Development for test has now been fired approximately 40,000 rounds, with 142 malfunctions, giving a malfunction rate of 0.32 per cent. The gun has thus far required some minor adjustments and cleaning after approximately every 3,000 rounds. The only breakages encountered have been on firing pins, and it is hoped that the revised design, which was introduced after approximately 20,000 rounds and lasted to 40,000 rounds, may represent a real improvement.

Most of this test program was carried out with New and Improved gallery ammunition, and it was noted that the chamber washed out, requiring replacement of the barrel after 33,000 rounds. It may be necessary to harden the barrel to make this replacement unnecessary. H. A. Brown urged that all possible steps be taken, even at additional cost, to produce the most rugged and reliable gallery gun possible. Sales concurred in the feeling that the gallery operator would prefer to spend more originally for a more rugged gun.