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The Sales Department commented that if a 20 gauge Magnum shotgun proves desirable for Remington production, an auto-loading model would probably be required. However, it is realized that the model 870 would involve the least conversion effort, and the shortest lead time for production.

The Committee decided that this item should be dropped from the agenda until the Sales Department is ready to report the results of the field survey and analysis of Magnum ammunition sales trends.

CENTER FIRE RIFLES

LIGHT WEIGHT BARREL FOR CALIBER 244 MODEL 722

The Plant reports that warehouse stocks of the heavy barrel Model 722 in caliber 244 will be exhausted in July, 1959, based on present forecast. Caliber 244 Model 722 rifles with 22" light weight barrels are now in production to replace in the line the same model with heavy 24" barrels.

The Committee agreed that this item should be dropped from the agenda.

SPORTER STOCKS FOR MODELS 721 AND 722 RIFLES

The Committee was shown prototype sporter stocks proposed for use with Model 721 and Model 722 rifles. The prototype stocks differ from current production by the provision of a Monte Carlo comb configuration, and a redesigned fore end section. The Committee agreed that the prototype stocks improve the appearance of the 721-722 series rifles.

The Sales Department questioned the effect these stocks would have on cost of the 721-722 series, pointing out that additional costs which affected selling price of these rifles would be difficult to justify. The Sales Department is of the opinion that sales forecasts for Models 721 and 722 rifles are optimistic and doubtful at current sales prices, and that if such forecasts are to be met, factory costs and sales prices must be reduced.

The Plant informed the Committee that the prototype stocks have been estimated to increase factory cost by less than \$.50 on a production basis. The cost increase results primarily from the increased sanding operations required for a Monte Carlo type stock.

It was agreed that economics on the prototype stocks would be prepared for Committee review.