

Model 878 - 16 and 20 Gauge Guns

The Sales Department reports that extensive consideration of Remington shotgun offerings results in the conclusion that the Model 878 should be made available in 12, 16 and 20 gauge "A" grade models for 1960. A 3" 12 gauge Magnum and a 12 gauge Rifled Slug Special in Model 878A grade are also proposed.

Under the Sales proposal, the Sportsman-58 would be retained in 1960 as an "ADL" offering to complement the extended line of Model 878A grade guns. In 1961 there would be the possibility of dropping the Sportsman-58 and replacing it with an "ADL" grade in the 878 model, provided hunting experience proved the Model 878 to be superior in performance.

The Plant pointed out that extension of Model 878 offerings requires six months before warehouse stocks become available.

The matter of extending the Model 878A grade line to include a 3" 12 gauge Magnum, a 12 gauge Rifled Slug Special and 16 and 20 gauge guns was not resolved. The Sales Department will endeavor to crystalize their proposal by consultations at Bridgeport and as soon as a course of action is decided, the Committee will be polled for approval.

Model 878 - "ADL" Models

The Research & Development Department demonstrated a sample "ADL" model of the 878 shotgun which was prepared on request from Bridgeport. The model was characterized by an engraved Sportsman-58 receiver and checkered stock and fore-end. The Model 878 mechanism was utilized in the sample, thus eliminating the carrier latch release, magazine follower latch and Dial-A-Matic cap of the Sportsman-58.

After considerable discussion of the advisability of producing a Model 878 in "ADL" grade, it was the sense of the Committee that decision was dependent on resolution of all items comprising the 1960 shotgun line. The Sales Department will consider the Model 878 in "ADL" grade for the 1960 firearms line and the Committee will be polled as soon as the line is defined.

(After Firearms Planning Meetings held at Bridgeport on September 4 and September 11, 1959, it is the Sales Department position that extension of the Model 878 to other gauges or "ADL" grades is dependent on a field demonstration of functional superiority over the Sportsman-58. Accordingly, the Sales Department will study closely the performance of the Model 878 during the current hunting seasons. As soon as

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