

of the receiver decoration. However, they do not feel that the receiver decoration should be changed unless sales decline and indicate a need for something new.

16 and 20 Gauges

Further investigation and testing of the alternate method for strengthening the breech block in the 16 and 20 gauge guns referred to at the last meeting, has shown this method to be the preferable one. Other design modifications required by this design change have been accomplished, and it is expected that pilot assembly of 16 gauge guns will start in the middle of June. The next time the Plant produces 20 gauge breech blocks for the Model 870, a pilot quantity of parts for the Sportsman-58 will be produced. Secondary operations will be performed in the tool room, and it is expected that pilot assembly will start early in July.

SPORTSMAN-X

Research and Development reported that their appearance mock-up of the Sportsman-X is nearing completion and should be available for review by committee members by the time of the next meeting, if not before.

MODEL 870

The Sales Department requested consideration of the introduction of 28 gauge and 410 in the Model 870. They estimate that at list prices of \$81.95 for the AP grade and \$93.65 for the ADL grade, they could anticipate normal year sales of 7,500 for the 410 and 5,500 for the 28 gauge, with first year sales of 10,000 and 7,500 respectively. Sales was requested to obtain the necessary cost information from the Plant and to have the Treasurer's Department prepare an economic evaluation for submission to the committee.

J.-B. Maupin suggested that, to minimize equipment changes, consideration should be given to introducing the small gauges in the Sportsman-58 first, replacing the Model 11-48.