

Arms Minute 5, 1956

28 and 410 Gauges
Evaluations Requested

<u>Proposal No.</u>	<u>M/11-48</u>	<u>Sportsman-58</u>	<u>M/870</u>
1	Out	In	Out
2	Out	In	In
3	In	Out	In
4	Out	Out	In

CENTER FIRE RIFLES

MODEL 721 - TARGET GRADES

Sales has decided to defer any recommendations on this item until the program on the Model 725 is established.

MODEL 725

Although Research and Development work is not completed on the revised safety recently requested by Sales, sufficient progress has been made to permit presentation of a model for general design features. The proposed safety is of the type used on the Enfield rifle with a relatively long throw. However, it has a feature not available in the Enfield safety in that, with the indicator halfway between the safe and fire positions, the bolt can be unlocked for unloading the gun with the safety still in operation. Both the general design and this particular feature were considered acceptable by Sales. Final approval cannot be given, of course, until design work is completed and samples are submitted for evaluation and approval.

The Ilion Plant is obtaining vendor quotations on all of the model drawings which have been released for estimating. It is anticipated that all of these quotations will be received by August, after which an economic evaluation will be prepared. There was considerable discussion of the probable outcome of this evaluation, since it now appears improbable that this gun will show an adequate return at the expected selling price. This arises not only from the extensive changes required to incorporate the new style safety, but more particularly from the requirement of hand checkering on the long stock. It was pointed out that Machine Development has several times considered the possibility of developing a machine to perform this operation, but it has never been