

METAL FINISHES

A draft of the proposed Part I of the project to improve metal finishes on the Models 1100 and 870 has been completed. It is planned to submit the project to the Board at the next meeting.

PELLET RIFLES

R & D has reactivated the program to develop pellet rifles and pistols. As outlined in the study, it is directed toward spring-loaded and gas operated actions.

The program should look ahead to the publics' shooting requirements in the future. To just copy existing guns is not sufficient to maintain the Remington image of a quality product. The end product must offer a better value and fit the needs of the potential market. 83

There is an increased interest in the use of pellet rifles for civilian and military training purposes.

TELESCOPES AND MOUNTS

R & D proposes to evaluate a program of purchasing telescope lenses from the American Optical Company and depending on economics, purchase or manufacture scope parts. A fixed scope is proposed with adjustments in the scope mount.

Market studies indicate an increasing percentage of center fire rifles being purchased with scopes.

Preliminary economics should be developed for review at the February meeting. If satisfactory, other aspects such as the method of distribution will have to be reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to be at Ilion January 13 at 1:30 p.m.

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