

FIREARMS TESTING

As reported at the April meeting, Model 514 and 580 rifles are being proof-tested. To date, the availability of a sufficient supply of proof cartridges to extend the proofing of other rim fire rifles has not been determined.

It is now indicated that by retaining the action of the Fore End a fixture similar to that used for proofing will be satisfactory for the proof-test of Model 870 assembled guns. It is expected this program will be accomplished in 1970.

Production reported that all shotguns are now being proofed with exact shell specification except for the 20 gauge 3" chamber for which proof ammunition is not yet available.

SAAMI specifications provide that center fire proof cartridges use the heaviest bullet weight. Proof cartridges being used comply with this specification except for the 25-06 caliber. It is assumed that when the heavier bullet is available Bridgeport will provide proof cartridges having the heavier bullet.

TARGET TELESCOPES

R & D reported that approximately fifty (50) Target Telescopes should be shipped in May 1970. R & D facilities are being used to hard-coat and color the aluminum parts.

BENCH REST BULLETS

R & D reported high scrap loss in the automatic feeding of bullet jackets in the V & O press. This is because of the variations in the blank wall thickness and hardness. These problems are being resolved. Packing materials are overdue from vendors.

Sufficient Bench Rest Bullets have been produced to cover shipments to selected shooters. Marketing has provided R & D with a listing of shooters to whom test lots of bullets are to be shipped.