

THE ROSS RIFLE

¶A most exhaustive series of tests of the rifle was made by a Board convened for that purpose by the Minister of Militia, consisting of Colonel W. D. Otter, President; Members, Colonel J. M. Gibson; Lieutenant-Colonel W. P. Anderson; Lieutenant-Colonel Sam Hughes, M.P., and Major F. M. Gaudet, who reported in favour of the Ross Rifle and suggested certain modifications which, in their opinion, were desirable in an arm to meet the special requirements of the Canadian service.

¶The results of this far sighted policy are just beginning to be seen and appreciated by the country at large who have seen the clamor of adverse criticism, always accompanying the introduction of a new arm, subside and give way before the growing popularity of the rifle with the militia.

¶Instructions in musketry practice are reporting increased rate of progress towards efficiency by their classes resulting from the use of the new rifles. It is established that twice as many shots may be put on a target with the straight pull Ross Rifle as can be delivered from the rifle that preceded it, as a result of the rapidity with which the magazine can be filled and the breech mechanism operated by the soldier while in the firing position.