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desirable in the interest of safety of any person. This provision will be extended to enable police officers to seize a weapon without a warrant, if the danger to the safety of some person is likely and it is impracticable to proceed otherwise. The police will therefore be able to seize a weapon in an imminently threatening situation, for example, in the case of domestic quarrels, which account for approximately one-third (1/3) of all murders in Canada.

Restricted and Prohibited Firearms

The Criminal Code presently requires the registration of restricted weapons such as pistols and as a general rule, allows restricted weapon possession only in one's home or place of business. Under the new measures, the registration procedure for restricted firearms will be tightened significantly so that applicants will be required to justify the need for such a weapon before being granted a certificate. The only acceptable needs will be protection of life, lawful occupations, authorized target-shooting and *bona fide* collecting.

Certain weapons are already prohibited. This category will be enlarged to include formerly restricted weapons such as fully automatic guns, sawed-off guns, and "Saturday Night Specials" (inexpensive, low-accuracy weapons.)

Firearms Availability

Many of the ten million long guns in Canada are held by Canadians who no longer have any use for them. The Government will endeavour to collect these unwanted guns through an extensive voluntary recall and amnesty campaign. This campaign will attempt to educate Canadians to the responsibilities of firearms' ownership, and will encourage them to turn in guns to the nearest Police Station if they do not wish to retain them.

Licensing

The registration of all guns in Canada appears neither feasible nor likely to be effective. Rather, the Government feels it important to ensure that those people who continue to possess or acquire firearms and ammunition are fit to do so. To that end, every person in possession of any firearm or ammunition, will require a license. The license will be valid for five years, and will be issued only if the licensing officer is satisfied that the applicant has nothing in his background that would render him unfit to possess a firearms' license.

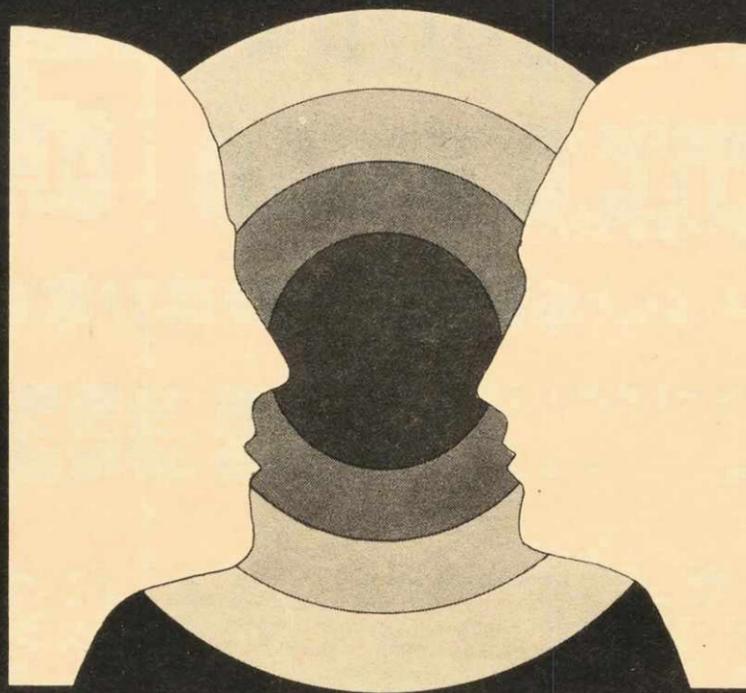
Further, the applicant will be required to submit the statements of two guarantors, from a selected list, who have known him for more than two years, to the effect that they too know of nothing that would render him unfit to possess a firearms' license. Fees collected from licensees will be set at a level sufficient to cover the cost of this system.

Persons under the age of eighteen who wish to use firearms will require special permits, to which strict conditions will be attached. Such a permit will be issued only for target practice, game hunting or instruction in the use of firearms and the application must be signed by two guarantors, one of whom must be a parent or closely related person.

Special provisions will be made to allow permits to persons under eighteen years of age who need to possess a firearm to provide food for their families in areas where hunting and trapping are a way of life. Such permits may be issued without a fee being charged so as not to impose a financial hardship on such persons.

All firearms and ammunition dealers (both wholesale and retail), importers and manufacturers must have permits. They must also keep

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