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First, there has been considerable comment and speculation as to the cost of our "very expensive multicolour" booklet and where we obtained the funds for its production. The booklet cost \$7,800.00 to produce. The funds came, as witnessed by the Justice Minister at our convention, from our members, the various guide's and trapper's associations, concerned firearms owners and a host of sportsmen throughout B. C. Contrary to the idea that some people attempt to implant in the public mind, not one cent was asked for or received from any arms or ammunition company.

Multicolour booklets we find in today's sophisticated society are almost a necessity for any organization to get its message across to the government and to the public. We are pleased to present to the members of this Committee our most recent publication. It deals with coal mining, an issue totally unrelated to firearms and Bill C-83 but a subject of equal concern to our members. We hope it receives as much attention from the legislators and from the public as our involvement in Bill C-83 has.

To clarify the points in our booklet.

 You will require a Federal Licence over and above any present provincial licence to possess any firearm or ammunition Sec 88 (1)

The Minister admitted to you that this is a correct statement. It is also one of our main objections to Bill C-83. But since at this time we are discussing the correctness and accuracy of our statements, we will discuss the point of need for a Federal Licence

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