

the crime rate in Canada. The bureaucratic organization that such legislation would create, leaves great fears in the minds of our members as to the future costs of registration that would have to be borne by the legitimate gun owner.

(6) We do not condone any of Section 106-8 which grants unlimited powers to the Governor in Council that could remove rights from the law-abiding citizen who owns firearms. We are sure it has been stated before and we reiterate that any proposed legislation must be defined and printed in such a manner that there is no doubt of its intent, and that it will not be changed without the consent of our elected representatives. As instructors we would lose the trust and faith of our students by accepting or endorsing the proposed legislation as it is printed.

At the present time all provinces have some form of firearm training programs by which a system of uniformity could be the basis of a competency testing system for all gun owners. The basis of all these programs is education and instruction in safe use, handling, and storage of firearms.

A recent seminar of Manitoba Hunter Safety - Junior Rifle proposed the following recommendations to improve their existing program:

- (1) A \$3.00 student fee payable to the instructor for costs incurred.
- (2) A limit of 15 students per class per instructor with a maximum of 25 for 2 instructors at any class.
- (3) Eight hours minimum instruction plus film and examination time.
- (4) A qualifying graduation mark of 98%.