

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. Yes, the good old days. We have heard a good deal to-day about defects of rifles. We hear of the defects of the Ross rifle. Now, I am not here to make damaging or injurious statements about any other rifle. I am here to give the facts. And I am here to show this House that there are at least other rifles beside the Ross rifle to which acci-

dents may happen. The Lee-Enfield rifle is, in my opinion a good one. I would have been quite content to have had it manufactured in Canada. I gave the manufacturers in England the first chance and tried on more than one occasion to prevail upon them to come here. They would not do so. I have here a report of some damaged Lee-Enfield rifles:

REPORT ON DAMAGED LEE-ENFIELD RIFLES.

Place	Year	Corps	Nature of Damage
Toronto	1905	C. M. R.	Barrel burst.
"	1905	9th T. L. H.	"
"	1905	10th Regt.	Barrel bulged.
"	1906	"	"
"	1906	Fenwick, R.A.	Breech burst.
"	1906	21st Regt.	Barrel bulged.
"	1906	9th T. L. H.	"
Ottawa	1897	G. G. F. G.	Bolt blown out.
"	1899	"	Barrel burst.
"	1903	74th Regt.	"
"	1904	Renfrew R. A.	"
"	1905	3 Coy F. G.	"
"	1906	G. G. F. G.	"
"	1907	"	"
Winnipeg	1903	LaRiviere R.A.	Muzzle of rifle expanded.
"	1903	Fort Saskatchewan R.A.	Broken bolt.
"	1905	Springfield R. A.	" Barrel twisted.
"	1905	Prince Albert, R.A.	Barrel burst.
"	1905	Saskatchewan, R.A.	Bolt broken. Barrel bulged.
"	1906	C. M. R.	Barrel burst.
"	1906	La Riviere R. A.	Bolt broken. Kink in barrel.
"	1906	Franklin, R. A.	"
"	1906	15th L. H.	Cocking piece broken.
"	1906	C. M. R.	Bolt Broken.
"	1907	Nose Creek, R.A.	Butt plate broken.
"	1907	Cannington Manor, R. A.	Two bolts broken. Bulged barrel.
"	1908	Snow Flake, R.A.	Barrel loose.
Quebec	1908	S. O. O Reports	About twenty repaired annually lost swivels, loose butts, bolt blown on, bolt heads blown off cases of burst barrels.
Kingston	1908	General Report	One or two barrels bulged. New striker required in one case.
St. John, N.B.	1901	8th Hussars.	Breech damaged.
"	1903	Moncton R. A.	Barrel, body and chamber burst.
"	1903	73rd Regt.	Breech damaged.
"	1903	C. C. R. Ass'n	Stock broken off.
Halifax		S. O. O. reports	Two barrels damaged. One bolt blown out.
Montreal		S. O. O. reports	19 repairs, owing to defective cocking pieces, sears and springs; 150 repaired, loose butts and covers; 25 repaired, hand guards broken, barrels unserviceable bolts broken.
Calgary	1906	15th L. H.	Bolt broken.
Esquimalt	1906	5th Regt. C. A.	Bullet jammed.
		S. O. O. reports	Repairs owing to defective material, hand guards, 2; springs, 10; catches magazine 5; strikers, 1; b lts. breech studs, 6; sears, 5; extractors, 2; stocks forend, 1; swivels, 5; breech bolt blown away 2.

S. O. O. also reports 4 bolts blown back. In some case 'bands' were found to be 'loose.' Stock butts, some found loose. Pilling swivel screws some lost owing to short screws. Eye of magazine, about 1 per cent pull out owing to defective brazing.