

rifle. It has not been denied that the rifle was not in every respect a perfect weapon, and improvements have been made in it from time to time as their advisability was determined as a result of actual service. It is worth knowing in this connection that, for

in number as Mark III., and its friends believe that it is now the most perfect rifle in the world. Major-General Lake, speaking of it at the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association, spoke as follows:

"Finally, I would add my word to



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SIR CHARLES ROSS,
INVENTOR OF THE ROSS RIFLE

instance, the Lee-Enfield rifle, which is the small arm of Great Britain, has reached Mark XIV. in its manufacture, meaning that the rifle has been manufactured on fourteen consecutive improved models. So far the Ross rifle has reached only as high

what the Minister has said about the Ross rifle, and with him beg you to suspend your judgment and give it a fair trial. I can say this perhaps with the more freedom because the rifle was selected and adopted for the service rifle of the militia, and the