

LIST OF METALLIC CARTRIDGES DOMINION GTG. CO. 1886 - 1927

Headstamp D. C. Co., D on the rimfires.

Rimfire

- 22 BB Cap
- 22 GB cap
- 22 Short
- 22 Shortmush
- 22 long
- 22 long mush
- 22 long rifle
- 22 long rifle mush
- 22 extra long
- 22 Winchester
- 22 Winchester auto
- 25 short Stevens
- 25 long Stevens
- 25 long Stevens mushroom
- \*\* 30 Short (no headstamp)
- \*\* 30 long
- 32 short
- 32 long
- \* 38 short (no headstamp except for export)
- 38 long
- 44 short
- 44 long
- 44 Henry flat
- 46 short (no headstamp)
- 46 long (no headstamp)
- 46 extra long (Dominion 46 ex. long was the same caselength as other companies  
46 longs and this cartridge was later marketed as a 46 long. See  
Canadian Journal of Arms collecting.)
- 56-46 Spencer (no headstamp)
- 56-50 Spencer
- 56-52 Spencer
- 56-56 Spencer

Code: \*\*RARE , \* Scarce

Around 1900 Dominion identified their smokeless cartridges by a circle around the D. \*\*  
Some rounds such as 32 long came with both a small D and a large D headstamp..

Courtesy of:  
Don Blyth  
R. R. #5  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Now, the rest of Don's list:

In 1927 C.I.L. bought out Dominion Cartridge Company, they retained the D.C. Co. headstamp until 1948 when the headstamp was changed to DOMINION. Between those dates they also added the following D.C.Co. "S/  
6.5 Manlicher  
7mm Mauser  
270 Winchester

## CARTRIDGE QUIPS

Issue #56

Dominion Cart. Co. 1836-1927

May, 1973

Pistol

25 Colt Auto		Code	** Rare
25-20 Winchester			* Scarce

30 Mauser

32 S &amp; W

32 S &amp; W Long

32 Short Colt

32 S.C.

32 SHORT

32 Long Colt

32 L.C.

32 LONG

32 Colt Auto

32-20 Winchester &amp; Smith &amp; Wesson

\* 32-44 Gallery

\* 32-44 Target

38 S &amp; W

38 S &amp; W Special

38 S &amp; W SPL

38 S &amp; W SP

38 SPL.

38 Short Colt

38 Long Colt

38 Long

38 L

38 Colt Auto

\*\* 38 M &amp; H

38-40

\*\* 38-44 Target (no headstamp)

\*\* 38-44 Gallery (no headstamp)

41 Short

41 Long

44 Bulldog

44 Webley

44 Colt There is a misstamp around, 44 CLOT, \*\* Fairly scarce.

44 S &amp; W American

44 S &amp; W Russian

44-40

\*\* 44 Merwin &amp; Hulbert (no headstamp)

\* 45 Webley

45 Colt

\*\* 45 Long

\*\* 45 Enfield

455 Colt

Shot Loads

22 long rimfire

32 long rimfire

32 S &amp; W

38 S &amp; W

\* 32-20 Winchester

38-40 Winchester

44-40 Winchester

44 IXL (headstamp 44-40)

43 Mauser

577 Snider

Courtesy of.

Don Blyth

RR #5

Cuelph, Ontario Canada

Blank Loads

22 short rimfire

32 short rimfire

32 S &amp; W

32 S &amp; W

OCCA

Centerfire Rifle

CODE: \*\* Rare  
\* Scarce

- \*\* 22 Winchester centerfire (no headstamp)
- \*\* 22 Morris tube short
- \*\* 22 Morris tube long (no headstamp)
- 22 Savage High Power 22 SAV  
22 HP

- 250 Savage
- 25-20 Winchester
- \*\* 25-20 Marlin
- 25-35 Winchester
- 280 Ross
- 300 Savage
- 30-30 Winchester
- 30 Remington rimless
- 8 mm Mauser
- 30-40 Krag
- 30-06 Spg.
- 303 Savage

303 SAV  
303 S

- 303 British
- 32 Winchester Special 32 WS  
32 SPL

- 32 Remington rimless
- 32-20 Winchester
- 32-40 Winchester
- 33 Win.
- 35 Remington
- 351 S.L.R.
- 38-40 Winchester
- 38-55 Winchester
- 38-56 Winchester
- 40-60 Marlin
- 40-60 Winchester
- 40-65 Win.
- 40-82 Win.
- 43 Mauser

- \*\* 43 Spanish
- 44-40 Winchester
- 45-60 Winchester
- \*\* 45-70 Marlin
- 45-70-405
- 45-70-500
- 45-75 Winchester

45-75  
\* 45-75-99 > R.C.M.P. Contract  
45-75 00 >

- \* 45-85 Winchester
- 45-90 Winchester
- \* 450 Express
- \* 45 Line throwing Blank (headstamp variant 45 M.H. st. case)
- 45 M H (Martini Henry)
- \*\* 50 Carbine
- \* 50-70 Govt.
- \* 50-95 Winchester
- 577 Snider

THIS IS A LIST OF THE CARTRIDGES BY DOMINION CARTRIDGE COMPANY THAT ARE IN DON BLYTH'S COLLECTION AND ACTUALLY EXIST. WE ARE INTERESTED IN ADDING CARTRIDGES THAT ACTUALLY EXIST, NOT THAT SOMEONE THINKS THEY SAW SOMEWHERE OR THAT ARE LISTED ON EARLY D. C. CO. LISTS OR CATALOGUES. THE RARE OR SCARCE BIT IS INTENDED ONLY AS A GUIDE AND IS FROM DON'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE ONTARIO AREA.

D.C. Co  
450 70  
405

D.C. Co  
45-70-405

D.C. Co  
450 70  
500

Courtesy of  
Don Blyth  
R R #5  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada

CARTRIDGE QUIPS

Issue #58

July, 1973

\*\*\*\*\*

- \*\*22 JCR
- 22 Hornet
- 222 Rem
- 22 Rp
- 243 Win
- 244 Rem
- 25-20 Win
- 25-35 Win
- 250 Sav.
- 6.5 Mann --two stamps 6.5 MM and 6.5 N. Sch.
- 6.5 x 55 MM
- 257 Roberts
- 270 Winchester
- 7x57 Mauser
- 7mm Rem mag
- 30-30 Winchester
- 30 Rem.
- 300 Savage
- 308 Winchester
- 30-06 Spg.
- 30-40 Krag
- 300 Win mag
- 300 H & H
- 303 Savage
- 303 British
- 8x57 Mauser
- 32-20 Winchester
- 32 Winchester Spl
- 32 Rem
- 32-40 Winchester
- 35 Remington
- 351 SLR
- 358 Win
- 38-40 Winchester
- 38-55 Win.
- 43 Mauser
- 44-40 Winchester
- 44 Magnum
- 25 ACP
- 32 ACP
- 32 S&W
- 32 S&W Blank
- 32 SC
- 32 S&W L
- 32 Spl
- 9mm Luger
- 357 Mag
- 38 S & W
- 38 SFL
- 380 Auto
- 38 Auto
- 45 Colt Auto
- 455 Colt
- 45 Colt

Code : \*\* Rare  
\* Scarce

THIS IS A LIST OF THE CARTRIDGES BY DOMINION CARTRIDGE COMPANY THAT ARE IN DON BLYTH'S COLLECTION AND ACTUALLY EXIST. WE ARE INTERESTED IN ADDING CARTRIDGES THAT ACTUALLY EXIST, NOT THAT SOMEONE THINKS THEY SAW SOMEWHERE OR THAT ARE LISTED ON EARLY D.C. CO. LISTS OR CATALOGUES. THE RARE OR SCARCE BIT IS INTENDED ONLY AS A GUIDE AND IS FROM DON'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE ONTARIO AREA.

Two interesting rimfires from this era are the 22 Magnum stamped CIL in oval and D, both of these items are extremely rare.

CIL \*\*  
D \*

Courtesy of  
Don Blyth  
R.R. #5  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada

In 1967 the headstamp was changed to C I L and that is where my collection stops.

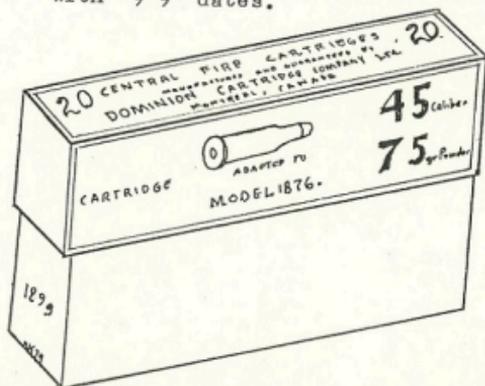
Nick Kent

The North West Mounted Police contracted with the Dominion Cartridge Co. for .45-75 ammunition in the years 1899 and 1900. Previously the Force purchased Winchester and perhaps ammunition made by other U.S. makers. The D.C.Co. used their regular sporting .45-75 cartridges to which they added the date "9 9", probably by hand, to fill the order. This explains why some dates are off centre and others are faint and the numerals do not match those denoting the caliber. The 1900 contract cartridges are dated "0 0" and the date was likely integral with the headstamp bunter as the two zeros are more uniform in size and indentation than the "9 9" dated cartridges. Close comparison of many cartridges from several boxes will reveal the discrepancies of numeral shape and size.

The boxes looked very much like the contemporary Winchester boxes and the green labelled D.C.Co. boxes could easily be mistaken for the Winchester boxes when looked at casually. The 1899 contract boxes usually have the date "1899" rubber stamped on one end while the 1900 boxes usually have the caliber ".45-75" rubber stamped on the end.

Cancellation of further contracts has been attributed to poor quality ammunition. I believe that it was due to sufficient stocks being on hand and the changeover to Lee Metford and Ross rifles. Lee Metfords were used by the N.W. M.P. in the Yukon during the Gold Rush of 1896-98. The Winchesters were relegated to secondary use and for training which necessitated the two contracts. Ross Rifles were put into service in 1903.

Original boxes are rarely seen and are often in poor condition. The cartridges are now quite scarce. Collectors have gradually uncovered cartridges and boxes during the 1960's and in 1967 about forty boxes of the 1900 contract were located. Only a few boxes were in good condition and despite the quantity known to exist few of these cartridges and even fewer boxes are seen today (1979). The original loadings were with flat tipped lead bullets and with copper primers. A few reloads with brass or nickel primers are encountered, mostly with "9 9" dates.



Oregon CCA

To continue on odd and rare D.C.Co. headstamps, in a letter dated 23 August 1967, Horie DESIREAU sent me the following, drawing, from a 44 Berwin Halbert & Co. revolver cartridge.



In a letter dated February 27, 1967, EMIL HUSINGER had the following to say re the illustrated headstamp.

"Coming back to the drawing below, the H V was likely put on at a different time as both the H & V are quite far to the left of the case, or not truly centered, but rest of headstamp is on-center. Wish I knew where I got this one, have had it for many years. Am sending you this information as you may want to use this h.s. in D.C.Co. listings for the bulletin." "...it has a flat head, with a fairly heavy bullet, overall length of etg. 1 3/8", length of brass - 1/2" less than 1 inch, nickle primer, NO dots between D.C.Co. lettering."



Thanks very much fellows for all your time, which has indeed made a very interesting and informative bulletin .... to keep up with the pace and since I am in front of my own collection today, I'll add a few more scarce D.C.Co. headstamps and comments.



D.C.Co. 45 ENFIELD - This cartridge has been rumored as being a special contract for the R.N.W.M.P., I'll try to further track down this aspect and report findings at a later date.



D.C.Co. 45-70-405 - Straight-line caliber designation. Most often encountered one is the 3,6 and 9 O'clock caliber designation.

The following are basically self explanatory and are illustrated to indicate their actual headstamp format. A large problem that has developed derives through "Cuts" in old D.C.Co. catalogues that indicate some rather odd markings, many of which have not come to light and possibly do not exist. Thus, if any of you chaps send in h.s. drawings PLEASE USE ACTUAL SPECIMENS AS REFERENCE.



1



2



3



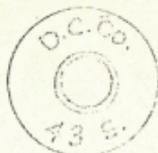
4



5



6



7



8



9



10



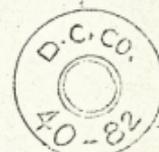
11



12



13



14



15

- # 1 - 32-44 Smith & Wesson Target
- # 2 - 38 Herwin, Hulbert & Company.
- # 3 - 45 Webley.
- # 4 - 450 3 1/2" Express, P.P. Bullet.
- # 5 - 45-70 Marlin.
- # 6 - 45-85 Winchester.
- # 7 - 43 Spanish.
- # 8 - 50-70 Gov't & Sharps.

- # 9 - 40-60 Marlin.
- #10 - 40-65 Winchester.
- #11 - 50-95 Winchester Express.
- #12 - 44 Smith & Wesson Russian.
- #13 - 45-70-405 Gov't (3,6,19 O'clock  
Headstern type.)
- #14 - 40-82 Winchester.
- #15 - 45-60 Winchester.

Well, there is a few of the very many odd, scarce, rare and/or interesting h.s. that makes up a small part of a well rounded out "D.C.Co." headstamp collection.

Until next time.  
Good Cartridge Hunting.  
John.



September 1973. Issue #20. This month's meeting will be with Larry Peterson at 2735 Merryhill Court, Springfield, Oregon. If you have any trouble trying to find the place call 786-9884 and we'll send out a search party. We will meet Sunday, September 9th at 1:00 p.m.

We have another batch of Dominion headstamps from the Chic Ctg. Collectors and Don Blyth's collection. First add these to the D. C. Co. list in last month's publication: D. C. Co. 6.5 Mannlicher, D. C. Co. 7mm Mauser, D. C. Co. 270 Winchester

In 1927 C.I.L. bought our Dominion. They retained the D. C. Co. n/s until 1948 when it was changed to DOMINION. The above cartridges were added to the line between 1927 and 1948.

The DOMINION series also makes quite an interesting collection and one quite difficult to complete. The following can be found with the DOMINION headstamp. They date from between 1948 and 1967.

DOMINION  
caliber

**22 JGR	308 Winchester	44 Magnum
22 Hornet	30-06 Sps.	25 ACP
222 Rem	30-40 Krag	32 ACP
22 HP	300 Win Mag	32 S&W
243 Win	300 H & H	32 S&W Blank
244 Rem	303 Savage	32 SC
25-20 Win	303 British	32 S&W L
25-35 Win	8 x 57 Mauser	32 Spl
250 Sav.	32-20 Winchester	9mm Luger
6.5 MM (Fann.)	32 Winchester Spl	357 Mag
6.5 M. Sch.	32 Rem	38 S&W
6.5 x 55 MM	32-40 Winchester	38 Spl
257 Roberts	35 Remington	380 Auto
270 Winchester	351 SLR	38 Auto
7 x 57 Mauser	358 Win	45 Colt Auto
7mm Rem Mag	38-40 Winchester	455 Colt
30-30 Winchester	38-55 Win.	45 Colt
30 Rem.	43 Mauser	
300 Savage	44-40 Winchester	

Code:  
\*\* Rare  
\* Scarce

The DOMINION headstamp was changed to CIL in 1967. Two interesting rimfires from this era are the 22 Magnum stamped CIL in an oval and D in an oval. Both of these are extremely rare.

ALBERTA CARTRIDGE EXCHANGE  
Newsletter No. 13

March, 1973.

COMING EVENTS: April 13, 14 and 15 at Edmonton, Alberta, the Canadian Historical Arms Society will hold its 11th annual exhibition. Cartridges will be displayed and traded. Contact Frank Barrigan, c/o 14515 - 118th Avenue, Edmonton.

April 20 and 21 the Calgary Gun Show will be held. Cartridges will be displayed and traded. Contact Al McNicol, 628 - 101st Avenue S. W., Calgary.

\* \* \*

A couple of issues ago we reported briefly on CIL making cartridges for the Australian firm of RIVERBRAND. Vern Bennett of Australia has written that this headstamp was used four or five years ago and that the present headstamp is R B D, the letters being located at 10, 12 and 2 o'clock and the caliber at 6 o'clock.

\* \* \*

Al McNicol and Earl Miller have volunteered to buy every caliber of IMPERIAL headstamped cartridges and to distribute full boxes to collectors at cost. Readers wishing to purchase boxes should contact Al McNicol (see above address) or Earl, 312 Willow Park Dr. S.E., Calgary.

Al suggests that an annual meeting combined with a trading session be held in a central location such as Red Deer. June or July still seem appropriate. Comments from all concerned would be appreciated.

Finally, Al asks for help in providing information about MACKAY & DIPPIE of Calgary. He has two ELEY BROS (CANADA) shotshells, one whose topwad is marked MACKAY & DIPPIE CALGARY and one whose topwad is marked DIPPIE. These names are new to us and we suggest that these may have been loaded between 1911 and 1917 when ELEY was in business at Transcona, Manitoba.

\* \* \*

Morris Bodnar reports that cartridge hunting was poor at the recent Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, show.

\* \* \*

DOMINION STUDY SERIES NO. 1 (cont'd.):

In issue 11, page 3, the explanation for GP3-F apparently does not clarify whether this box is printed. We meant that this is a printed box but that boxes with paste-on labels were still in circulation. These printed boxes do not appear to be common, no doubt due to the decrease in ammunition produced during the 1930's, especially after

1936. This was the worst year of the depression and ammunition sales likely slumped until 1939 or 1940.

Jim Smith comments that boxes bearing TM8 are quite common considering a one-year run. We also wonder about the accuracy of J. Houlden's statement that this TM was used for only one year (1950). But we must consider that post-war runs were larger than pre-war runs due to the heavy demand and this could account for the more numerous boxes with TM8. Certain calibers were packed in boxes having no trademark. The .450 Express is a good example and because it was made in limited quantity (from about 1909 to 1914) it could be referred to by caliber rather than by our letter-number system. The .450 Ex. box is green with black print. The illustrated .577 Snider box is likely a very early one, having a blue label and white print, and was likely also of limited production.

HANDGUN CARTRIDGE BOXES: CF(H)1-A, B, C. This style of box has the lid fitting half-way over the bottom and is sealed around the middle with white or tan-coloured paper.

CF(H)1-A: Green label with black print, illustrating revolver and having TM1 in lower right-hand corner. Regarded as earliest.

CF(H)1-B: Same as "A" but with TM1 in lower left-hand corner.

CF(H)1-C: Same as "B" but illustrating a cartridge.

CF(H)2: Lid of box fits over bottom and is sealed with a wrap-around label. Perhaps TM2 overlapped CF(H)1-C and CF(H)2 but TM3 is usually noted.

RIMFIRE CARTRIDGE BOXES: Rimfires are a vague subject for us as we have not had an opportunity to examine and compare a quantity of boxes to establish a sequence of evolution. We can only presume the below listed sequence and are open to correction and suggestions. Because .22 caliber rimfires represent a varied lot we will catalogue them separately and simply list them as .22RF-1, 2, 3, etc. We should have quite a selection of .22 rimfires described in issue 14.

RF1: TM1, green label, black print, two-piece box.

RF2: TM1, red label, black print. Most commonly seen.

RF3: TM2, red label, black print. 1900 to 1905?

RF4: TM3, red label, black print. 1905 to 1915?

RF5-A: TM3, yellow and blue label. 1915 to 1922?

RF5-B: TM4, yellow and blue label.

RF5-C: TM5, yellow and blue label.

RF5-D: TM6, yellow and blue label.

RF5-E: TM7, yellow and blue label.

RF6: TM7, flap top, one-piece box, yellow and blue. Early boxes were likely with a paste-on label and later ones were printed.

(over)

- RF7: TM8, printed box, same as above.  
 RF8: TM9, printed box, yellow and blue. (1951-1956)  
 RF9: TM10, same as above; .22 WRF and .22 Win. Auto have a broad white panel on flap. From 1957 until 1962.  
 RF10: TM10, 1962 box with "bullet" design. Cartridges branded CANUCK.

Note: Lesmok boxes are red and yellow with the exception of SUPER ACCURATE brand .22's which are blue and yellow.

- 3 -

GF 4 was introduced about 1939 - 1941 and was likely an economy move due to wartime conditions. The trade mark commonly found is TM7 but it is possible TM8 was used on some boxes in 1948.

GF 5; A, B, C: Introduced in 1948, this basic box lasted until 1962. CF5-A bears TM7; CF5-B bears TM8; CF5-C bears TM9. In 1954 CIL was re-organized as Canadian Industries (1954) Limited and the boxes were so marked from July, 1954, until October, 1955.

GF 6: In 1962 CIL introduced a new eye-catching "family" design which was still basically yellow and blue with some white and red print. This box was larger than previous boxes due to the "Rondo" divider, two corrugated cardboard "trays" each holding ten cartridges. The box bears TM 10. Handgun match ammunition boxes differ in colour only in that the blue "bullet" is coloured brown. All handgun boxes have partitioned plastic trays.

GF 7: Essentially the same as GF 6, this box is much smaller, is foil covered and has an end opening. The blue "bullet" is coloured black and the yellow is gold coloured. This box was introduced in 1968 and is currently used in 1973.

The following cartridges were packed in boxes of 50: .22 Hornet; .25-20; .32-20; .351 S. L.; .38-40; .44-40. The .22 Hornet was introduced in 1950 packed 50 per box and by about 1953 was packed 20 per box. The others appeared packed 20 per box in 1962 (GF 6).

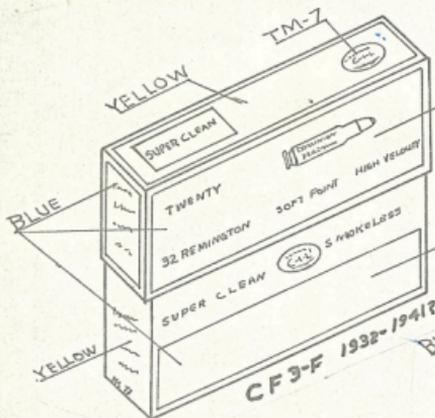
Black powder cartridges were distinguished from smokeless loads by boxes with solid red labels with white border lines. Examples may be found from CF 2 BP until CF 3 BP with TM7. Unfortunately we lack a detailed record and cannot elaborate further. Black powder loadings were discontinued in 1938 except for shotshell blanks.

TM8: Although registered in 1927, this trade mark was first used in 1948 in the No. 22 catalogue. We do not know if cartridge boxes bore this trade mark. J. Houlden mentions that it was introduced in 1950 and used for one year.

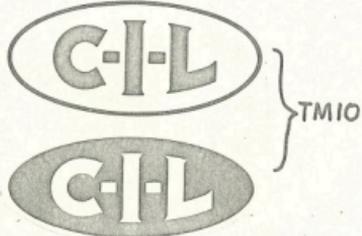
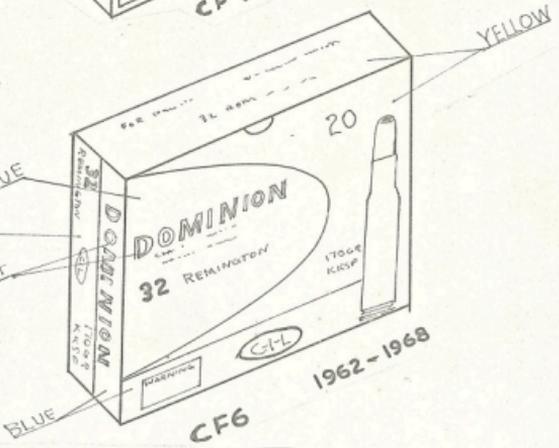
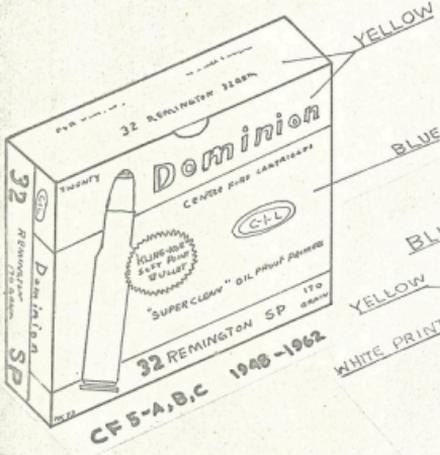
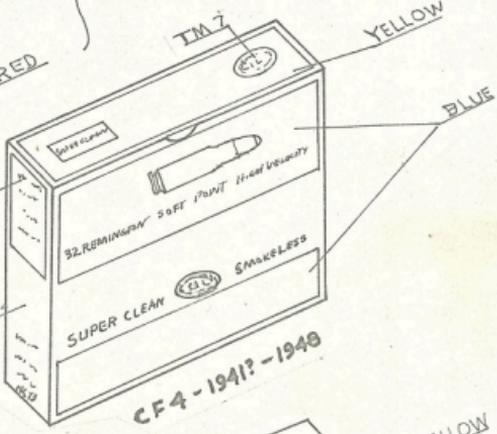
TM9: Registered in 1950, this trade mark was used on boxes in 1951.

TM10: Registered in 1957, the two variations of this trade mark were gradually introduced and remain in use today.

\* \* \*



PNEUMATIC BOXES



To aid in studies we offer a one page quick reference listing of information about D.C.Co.-CIL in chronological order. This list is by no means complete and we invite others to contribute toward compiling a more thorough listing in the future. We are deliberately excluding shotshell information.

1886-D.C.Co. formed.

1887?-TM1 introduced.

1897-Jacketed bullets first made. Cal. .303 Sav.

1900-Round primer tins discontinued. TM2 introduced.

1905?-TM3 introduced.

1910-CANADIAN EXPLOSIVES formed.

1922-CPE bullet introduced.

1925-PNEUMATIC bullet introduced. First in .30-30, later 8x57 cal.

1927-CANADIAN INDUSTRIES LTD. formed. D.C.Co. a subsidiary. TM4 int.

1928-SUPER CLEAN priming introduced. TM6 introduced. In Oct. D.C.Co. became Ammunition Division of CIL.

1931-WHIZ-BANG .22's introduced.

1932-TM7 introduced.

1934-Dry lubricated bullets for WHIZ-BANG & SUPER CLEAN .22's.

1937-CENTRAL V's brand of .22's introduced.

1938-Black powder loadings discontinued.

1939-SUPER ACCURATE brand of .22's discontinued.

1948-Kling Kor Soft Point bullet and TM8 introduced.

1950-.22 Hornet and TM9 introduced.

1954-CANADIAN INDUSTRIES(1954)LTD. formed.

1955-Oct. CANADIAN INDUSTRIES LTD. formed. The (1954) in name lasted from July 1954 until Oct. 1955.

1957-TM10 introduced.

1962-CF6 box introduced.

1968-CF7 box introduced.