

These Colts .476 revolvers were made in London England especially for Fred Benson.

Sir Frederick Benson was the only Canadian to reach the rank of General in the Imperial Army. On leaving St. Catherines Ontario, as a soldier he headed for Sandhurst Military College. He graduated and was presented with a sword by the Duke of Cambridge and given the choice of regiments to serve in. His military career lead him to South Africa where he was chief-of-staff under General Kelly Kenny. Prior to this while in India for 20 years he mastered Hindustani and spoke it fluently. He effected the organization of the Egyptian calvary. On the out-break of World War One he was given the appointment of chief of the Remount and Transport Department of the British Army throughout the world.

He died in 1918. Upon his death, the colts were sent to his nephew Lt. Charles W. Paterson Secretary Treasurer C-O-T-C , Bexhill England in 1918 by Fred's widow, Lady Caroline Benson, daughter of Lord Cooper. On my father's death in 1960, I Harry Charles Paterson received them.

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