

How far familiar intercourse should exist between senior and junior officers is a very delicate question, but one that should not be passed over in an essay on discipline. The question is, should a commanding officer mix freely, in social life, with his juniors, or hold himself aloof? My reply is, unhesitatingly, in the affirmative, if he has sufficient self-reliance, and possesses a moderate share of tact, temper, knowledge of the world, and, above all, sympathy. Without sympathy he would be insufferable to his juniors, and eventually make himself thoroughly detested by them. If, then, a commanding officer feels that he can take no interest in the pursuits, pleasures, and every-day life of his juniors; if he looks upon their amusements and conversation as frivolous and beneath his notice; if he puts on an air of superiority and cannot divest himself of the commanding officer;—to this class of men I say, avoid your juniors, for otherwise you will lose the little respect they may have begun to feel for you, and thus authority and discipline will suffer through you.

There are, however, circumstances which render free social intercourse at first unadvisable. For example, if a regiment had got a bad reputation, and an officer were posted to it with a view to getting it into good order, a commanding officer, under those circumstances, would be wise to hold himself aloof until he had obtained an insight into the character of his officers, and, perhaps, shown his teeth once or twice; opportunities for doing so would never be wanting in cases of the kind. As he felt his position strengthen, he might begin to relax a little, and, without detriment to his authority, gradually fall into his usual ways. If isolated from the outer world, as sometimes happens in outlying stations in India and elsewhere, it becomes a nice point whether a little reserve would not be advisable, but each case would have to be carefully considered and dealt with on its own merits. It was said of Sir Charles Napier that he possessed "the rare quality of rendering the most familiar intercourse compatible with absolute authority." There are not many Sir Charles Napiers, but every commanding officer can at least try to emulate him in this respect. In concluding this portion of my subject I may observe that much of what has been written in this and preceding articles is, of course, applicable to all officers.

#### OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The following are the unpublished scores of the regular weekly competitions of the Ottawa Rifle Club:—

4th Competition, 16th May. Snider, 200, 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots. Spoon winners: 1st class, Major Wright and Captain Gray; 2nd class, F. Dawson; 3rd class, J. B. Tyrrell.

J. Wright..... 26 31 27—84	E. D. Sutherland 27 24 28—79
H. H. Gray..... 26 31 27—84	A. Pink..... 23 31 25—79
T. McJanet..... 30 23 30—83	C. F. Cox..... 24 32 23—79
J. D. Taylor..... 31 31 21—83	F. W. Smith.... 27 26 25—78
R. H. Brown.... 25 28 29—82	R. N. Slater.... 29 31 18—78
J. B. Tyrrell.... 27 28 25—80	C. Routh..... 22 24 31—77

5th Competition, 23rd May. Martini, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots. Spoon winners: 1st class, Capt. Jamieson and R. Moodie; 2nd class, R. J. Taylor; 3rd class, C. Routh.

W. A. Jamieson . 26 32 30—88	C. S. Scott..... 28 24 27—79
R. Moodie..... 30 33 23—86	C. Routh..... 31 30 18—79
T. McJanet..... 26 30 27—83	J. A. Armstrong . 29 26 23—78
R. J. Taylor..... 27 27 28—82	F. W. Smith.... 32 23 23—78
J. Wright..... 30 26 26—82	J. H. Ellis..... 25 27 25—77
Dr. G. Hutchison 28 24 28—80	T. C. Boville.... 25 28 24—77
J. E. Hutcheson . 31 25 24—80	W. G. Dial..... 28 29 20—77
G. L. Blatch.... 26 31 23—80	

6th Competition, 30th May. Snider, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots. Spoon winners: 1st class, J. H. Ellis and Major Wright; 2nd class, H. McKay; 3rd class, G. L. Blatch.

H. McKay..... 29 31 29—89	T. McJanet..... 26 33 25—84
J. H. Ellis..... 30 2 26—88	R. Moodie..... 30 30 23—83
G. L. Blatch.... 28 26 33—87	L. G. Perkins... 25 30 27—82
J. Wright..... 28 30 29—87	C. S. Scott..... 28 28 26—82
W. A. Jamieson . 29 30 26—85	C. Routh..... 30 27 25—82
A. Pink..... 26 31 27—84	T. C. Boville.... 30 25 25—80
J. A. Armstrong . 29 31 27—84	

#### Militia General Orders (No. 7) of 22nd May, 1891.

(Continued from last issue.)

34TH "ONTARIO" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 7 Company, Cannington.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: Cesare James Marani, Gentleman, *vice* C. F. Bick, promoted.

36TH "PEEL" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Brampton, O.—The following is a description of the Badge authorized to be worn by this Battalion: The number 36 in Arabic numerals, surmounted by a Crown. Beneath on a scarlet scroll lined with blue, the word "Peel" and also thereon entwined in the figures, the motto: "Pro aris et focis," the figures and letters in gold.

57TH BATTALION OF INFANTRY, "PETERBOROUGH RANGERS," O.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: Sergeant Thomas Wimberforce Tebb, Gentleman, *vice* C. W. Forbes, appointed Quartermaster.

60TH "MISSISQUOI" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Q.—No. 1 Company, Philipsburg.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: Orderly Sergeant Samuel E. McKenney, *vice* C. B. Jameson, promoted.

No. 5 Company, Stanbridge.—Lieutenant Arthur A. Lent retires from the service.

67TH BATTALION "CARLETON LIGHT INFANTRY," Woodstock, N.B.—Lieutenant and Adjutant Arthur John Raymond, S.I., has been promoted to the rank of Captain, from 7th May, 1891.

80TH "NICOLET" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Q.—No. 6 Company, Victoriaville.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: George N. Samson, Gentleman, *vice* Paul Louis Gravel, left limits.

82ND "QUEEN'S COUNTY" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, P.E.I.—No. 8 Company, Tryon.—To be 2nd Lieutenant: Sergeant David John Thompson, R.S.I. (1st B.), *vice* James Morrison, who retires from the service.

84TH "ST. HYACINTHE" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Q.—No. 1 Company, St. Hyacinthe.—To be Captain: Lieutenant Damase Lussier, R.S.I., *vice* Robert Deschesnes, who retires from the service.

86TH "THREE RIVERS" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Q.—No. 3 Company, Three Rivers.—To be Captain: Lieutenant Gustave Adolphe Tessier, S.I., *vice* G. René Barthe, left limits.

88TH "KAMOURASKA AND CHARLEVOIX" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Q.—No. 1 Company, St. Anne de la Pocatière.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: Sergeant Silvio Deschesnes, *vice* L. A. Colbert Martineau, who retires from the service.

To be Quartermaster: Sergeant Charles Théodule Dugal, *vice* Louis Charles Bergin, deceased.

90TH "WINNIPEG" BATTALION OF RIFLES, M.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: Robert Larter Meadows, Gentleman.

91ST BATTALION "MANITOBA LIGHT INFANTRY."—No. 1 Company, St. James.—To be Lieutenant, prov.: John William Salusbury-Trelawny, Gentleman, *vice* Thomas H. Montgomery, left limits.

NEW WESTMINSTER RIFLE COMPANY, B.C.—Lieutenant Frederick Robertson Glover retires from the service.

#### CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

Captain Armand Henry Corelli, R.S.M.I., No. 1 Company, 91st Battalion; from 18th April, 1891.

Lieutenant John Charles Ponsford, R.S.I., No. 6 Company, 25th Battalion; from 28th March, 1891.

Lieutenant James Hodge Hawthorne, R.S.I., No. 4 Company, 71st Battalion; from 31st March, 1891.

Lieutenant George Henry Alfred Strum, R.S.A., Mahone Bay Garrison Artillery; from 31st March, 1891.

Lieutenant John Elley Harding, R.S.I., No. 1 Company, 28th Battalion; from 7th April, 1891.

Lieutenant Frederick W. L. Moore, R.S.A., No. 2 Battery, Prince Edward Island Brigade Garrison Artillery; from 20th Apr., 1891.

2nd Lieutenant Lewis Henry Dawson, R.S.I., 7th Battalion; from 9th February, 1891.

2nd Lieutenant Henry Ardagh Kingsmill, R.S.I., 7th Battalion; from 28th March, 1891.

2nd Lieutenant James Dover, R.S.I., No. 1 Company, 78th Battalion; from 31st March, 1891.

2nd Lieutenant Parker Gates, R.S.I., No. 1 Company, 72nd Battalion; from 31st March, 1891.

2nd Lieutenant Edmund John Egan, R.S.I., 63rd Battalion; from 31st March, 1891.

2nd Lieutenant Richard Walter Moyle, R.S.I., No. 2 Company, 26th Battalion; from 31st March, 1891.

2nd Lieutenant Sydney Mullins Johnson, R.S.I., No. 1 Company, 28th Battalion; from 31st March, 1891.

2nd Lieutenant Arthur John Bustin, R.S.I., No. 3 Company, 69th Battalion; from 31st March, 1891.

2nd Lieutenant John Herbert Cecil Ogilvy, R.S.A., Montreal Brigade Garrison Artillery; from 31st March, 1891.