72. G. G. F. G., 2nd team 563 573 1136
73. 9th Battalion, Quebec 597 508 1105
74. Levis Rifle Association 572 531 1103
75. Queen's Own Rifles, 3rd team 601 498 1099
76. Montreal Garrison Artillery, 2nd team 520 575 1095
77. 10th Royal Grenadiers, 3rd team 548 544 1092
78. Halifax Garrison Artillery, 3rd team 563 515 1078
79. 43rd Battalion, 4th team 551 518 1069
80. 57th Battalion, Peterborough, 2nd team 539 525 1064
81. 3rd Vics, 2nd team 502 560 1062
82. Regina Rifle Association 517 544 1061
83. Governor-General's B. Guard, Toronto 557 504 1061
84. 95th Battalion, Brandon 596 454 1050
85. 10th Royal Grenadiers, 4th team 543 494 1037
86. Governor-General's Foot Guards, 3rd team 515 519 1034
87. 55th Battalion
88. B Battery, R. C. A., 2nd team 510 457 967
89. 45th Battalion, Lindsay, 2nd team 462 484 946
90. 1st Prince of Wales Rifles, 1st team 498 414 912
91. Headquarters Staff, Ottawa 427 460 887
92. Governor-General's Foot Guards, 4th team 399 457 856
93. 21st Battalion, Windsor, 2nd team 360 464 824
94. 5th Royal Scots, 2nd team 400 421 821
95. B. Company, I. S. C., St. Johns, Q 432 384 816
96. A Battery, R. C. A., 2nd team 302 499 801
97. 65th Battalion, Montreal 412 346 758
98. Halifax Garrison Artillery, 4th team 382 282 664
99. 43rd Battalion, 5th team 229 405 634
100. 53rd Battalion, 2nd team 162 402 564
101. 1st Prince of Wales Rifles, 2nd team 203 130 333
102. Leicestershire Regt., Halifax, 1st team 758 605 1363
103. Leicestershire Regt., 2nd team 656 559 1215
104. Leicestershire Regt., 3rd team 619 619
105. 90th Battalion, Winnipeg 573 573

THE NORTH-WEST LEAGUE.

The first match of this new Rifle League was shot on the 16th ult., and as it was, in many cases, the first handling of the rifle this season, the scores, more especially of the Winnipeg contingent, were comparatively small, and as will be seen below, their North-West friends gave the Prairie City fellows "a real good licking."

The rivalry between the different associations inagurated by the N. W. League will no doubt be productive of good results in the future, and may perhaps make its influence felt at the D. R. A. matches some time or other.

The scores were as follows, the lists being kindly furnished us by the Secretary, Mr. K. Graburn:—

SASKATCHEWAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION, PRINCE ALBERT.

T. C. Baker	200 28 24 26 23 25	400 30 25 28 24 20	500 22 27 21 26 19	Total. 80 76 75 73 64
	126	127	115	368
Battleford Rifle Association	132	115	118	365
Alberta Provincial Association, Calgary.	134	116	114	364
Edmonton Rifle Association	129	135	100	364
95th Battalion, Portage la Prairie	130	125	92	347
N. W. Mounted Police, Prince Albert	114	128	104	346
A Co., 95th Battalion, Brandon	119	115	103	337
Assiniboia Rifle Association, Regina	124	128	77	329
Manitoba Rifle Association, Winnipeg	114	115	98	327
F Co., 90th Battalion, Winnipeg	124	123	77	324
Winnipeg Rifle Range Co	110	122	90	322
Moosomin Rifle Association	107	115	79	301

THE MAIL CONTEST.

The interest taken in the Mail's military competition seems to be increasing, and the admirers of each corps are doing all they can to reach the top, which envied position still remains in the position of the Queen's Own Rifles, although it has been vigorously assailed by the gallant 13th Battalion, of Hamilton. The officer who at present heads the list is Major Delamere, Q.O.R., with the total of 7,248, a lead of 1,331 votes. The following was the order of the highest in both competitions up to Wednesday:—

1. Delamere, Major Q.O.R., Toronto	7,248
2. Jones, LtCol. 38th Dufferin Rifles, Brautford	5.917
3. Brodie, LtCol. 31st Grey, Owen Sound	5,786
4. Manley, Capt. 10th Grenadiers, Toronto	5,385
5. Vance, Lt. 22nd Oxford, Ingersoll	5,380
6. Pellatt, Capt. Q.O.R., Toronto	4,676
7. Henderson, Capt. 34th, Whitby	4,647
8. O'Brien, LtCol. 35th. Basrie	8,952
9. Machonald, LtCol. Field Battery, Guelph	8,949
10. Tyrwhitt, LtCol. 36th, Brampton	1,948
11. Todd, Capt. 33rd, Clinton	8,503
12. McLean, Major Durham Field Battery	8,386
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1. 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto	20,441
1. 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto	90,441 18.347
2. 13th Battalion, Hamilton Infantry	18,347
2. 13th Battalion, Hamilton Infantry	18,347 11,768
2. 13th Battalion, Hamilton Infantry	18,347 11,768 11,297
2. 13th Battalion, Hamilton Infantry. 3. 38th Battalion, Dufferin Rifles, Brantford. 4. 10th Battalion, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto. 5. 12th Battalion, Yor. Rangers, Toronto. 6. 84th Battalion, Ontario Infantry.	18,347 11,768 11,297 9,232
2. 13th Battalion, Hamilton Infantry. 3. 38th Battalion, Dufferin Rifles, Brantford. 4. 10th Battalion, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto. 5. 12th Battalion, Yor- Rangers, Toronto. 6. 84th Battalion, Ontario Infantry. 7. 31st Battalion, Grey Infantry.	18,347 11,768 11,297 9,232 7,548
2. 13th Battalion, Hamilton Infantry. 3. 38th Battalion, Dufferin Rifles, Brantford. 4. 10th Battalion, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto. 5. 12th Battalion, Yor-Rangers, Toronto. 6. 84th Battalion, Ontario Infantry. 7. 31st Battalion, Grey Infantry. 8. 83rd Battalion, Huron Infantry.	18,347 11,768 11,297 9,239 7,548 7,851 5,082
2. 13th Battalion, Hamilton Infantry. 3. 38th Battalion, Dufferin Rifles, Brantford. 4. 10th Battalion, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto. 5. 12th Battalion, Yor-Rangers, Toronto. 6. 84th Battalion, Ontario Infantry. 7. 31st Battalion, Grey Infantry. 8. 83rd Battalion, Huron Infantry. 9. 36th Battalion, Peel Infantry.	18,347 11,768 11,297 9,232 7,548 7,851 5,982 5,778
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2. 13th Battalion, Hamilton Infantry. 3. 38th Battalion, Dufferin Rifles, Brantford. 4. 10th Battalion, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto. 5. 12th Battalion, Yor-Rangers, Toronto. 6. 84th Battalion, Ontario Infantry. 7. 31st Battalion, Grey Infantry. 8. 83rd Battalion, Huron Infantry. 9. 36th Battalion, Peel Infantry.	18,547 11,768 11,297 9,232 7,548 7,851 5,989 5,778 5,718

DISCIPLINE.

(By Colonel H. B. Hanna, late Commanding at Delhi.—From the Broad Arrow.) V.—NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

"Non-commissioned officers, whether on or off duty, are not to permit any irregularity, neglect, or deviation from orders."—INDIAN ARMY REGULATIONS.

The efficient maintenance of discipline in a regiment depends almost more upon the non-commissioned officers than the officers themselves. The non-commissioned officer is in closer touch with the men, as he is responsible for the proper and punctual carrying out of the multitudinous orders which pass through him. He is a species of "middleman," and very often, I fear, too much is left to him. As a matter of fact, his work should be more carefully supervised by the officers than is usually the case. Non-commissioned officers are expected to be always clean and neatly dressed, respectful to their superiors, and punctual and careful in the performance of their duties. They must necessarily be men of some education, and should display tact, firmness, and temper in their dealings with the men. In a word, they should be living examples of smartness, sobriety and discipline.

To understand how great for good or evil must be the influence of a non-commissioned officer on discipline, let us take a cursory glance at the duties which devolve upon him. A non-commissioned officer usually takes command of all guards and escorts; he has to post the sentries, and to see that they are alert; prisoners are made over to him for safe custody; regimental stores and ammunition are generally in his charge; a good deal of money at times passes through his hands, often far too much; he has to preserve good order in barracks, both by day and by night; he has the power to confine men, and to make prisoners of them at large; he has to superintend all punishment drills; he is responsible that the men turn out clean and punctually for all parades and other duties, and that they are properly equipped and dressed; he teaches and drills recruits; he has constantly to satisfy himself that the men's kits are complete and in good order; he is to some extent responsible that their documents are properly kept, and up to date; he is in charge of most of the regimental institutes; he has to see the men's rations served out, and to superintend the canteen issues; finally, all complaints must be preferred through him, and the company officer looks to him to bring all irregularities to his notice, and to at once report any serious breach of discipline. A non-commissioned officer who possessed all the qualifications I have indicated, and carried out without fail all the important duties I have enumerated, would be a perfect paragon of a

soldier. Unfortunately, few even approach this high