

military education, assisted by the two drill sergeants and Corporal Harris. The latter was at Christmas relieved of a large number of recruits whom he had been most carefully training. Our friends in camp will remember the sing song ; our nigger minstrels are getting up another entertainment in the public hall, and we feel sure it will be a great success. We cannot conclude without, in this the first number of the V. R. I. in 1895, wishing our gallant comrades in the cavalry, artillery and in our own Regiment, a very happy and prosperous year.

Mr. Macdonell took a month's leave, November and December, in search of the wily cariboo ; the party managed to score two.

The children of the Barracks were given a Christmas tree in the drill shed. We have never seen a better tree nor a more pleased body of little ones.

We wish to inform our friends that there is no truth in the report that the only unmarried sub in the Royal Canadians is about to join the ranks of the Benedicts !

Our friend Major Buchan, on his way back from the funeral of Sir John at Halifax, managed to run in from the main line and have a look at us. We were indeed glad to see him. We wish the A. A. G. could have looked us up too, as he has never seen our lovely city.

The Christian name of our latest recruit is "*Captain*". The Colonel says that he evidently has a Field Marshal's baton in his knapsack !

Corporal Sheldon's little boy unfortunately broke his arm the other day, and Corporal Sheldon himself had both his ears badly frost-bitten on last march out on snow-shoes.

Some of our men, who ought to know, say "that walking on snowshoes is more difficult than riding on a camel with spurs."

Mrs. Maunsell gave a most enjoyable "At Home" on the 5th February ; dancing was kept up to "Ministers' hours."

A second draft of 7 men proceeded to Kingston for a Battery, on the 14th February. They were in charge of Sergt. Major McKenzie.

Our Nigger Minstrel Entertainment, in aid of the Hospital, came off on the 22nd Feb., the men making about \$150 for that excellent institution. Nigger songs were given by Corporal Bayers, Privates Little, Sherman, Clinton and Taylor ; next came a stump speech by Pte. Tremlett ; Sergeant Nauffts and Pte. McNeill gave some excellent clog and jig dancing. Bayonet exercise to music followed. Then a character song by Pte. T. E. Baugh, who is an actor. Of