

We are all greatly pleased here to see how excellent the last number of the V.R.I. was. We most heartily congratulate our indefatigable Editor on his good work, and at the same time trust he will except our congratulations on his promotion to Deputy Surgeon General.

We have nothing in the way of actual sporting news to send, but trust in our next number to be able to give a good account of ourselves in the cricket field. Unfortunately we have lost a good all round cricketer in Lance Crop. Utton, who thought civilian life more suitable for his ambitions, so did not re-engage at the expiration of his first three years.

There are 3 officers and 31 non, commissioned Officers and men attached this course. This number does not include 5 men from No. 4 Company, whose average height is 6 feet, 1 and average weight 188 lbs. Lieut. Macdonell has charge of the Attached Company. The new School of Instruction at Halifax interferes, in a marked degree, with the attendance here, nor is it to be wondered at with the premium given.

On the 15th April the Royal Canadian Minstrels gave another entertainment in aid of the City Hospital, Sergeant Breiver being manager. Songs were given by Little Corporal Bayers, Baugh, Sherman, Sergeant Langelle and Pte. Taylor. Corporal Bayers then gave a stump speech, which would have been an eye-opener to many a politician. Foster exhibited his skill on the trapeze. Sergt. Naughts and McNeil did some excellent clog and jig dancing. Bugler Lynch made the *hit* of the evening by appearing in a cocked hat, scarlet jacket, white breeches, long boots, spurs, sword, etc., and singing the song of our esteemed friend Capt. Streatfield "The Little Tin Soldier." Hiscock gave some club swinging, Baugh another Irish song. Clinton euphonized on the euphoneum, and two good farces were acted in addition, and so a very interesting and variegated entertainment was brought to an end.