

While the Home Guard was marching up Pembroke street on Thursday evening of last week numerous individuals loafing on different corners were noticed jeering and scoffing at some of the members of that organization. Why such a contemptible practice as that should be indulged in we do not know unless it is that the persons in question are wont to treat the Home Guard idea as a joke. It must be remembered that at the outbreak of the war thousands of German and Austrian "reservists" were summoned to the colors from every province in Canada and every state in the Union. Most of them never got there. The British command of the sea prevented them from securing passage across the Atlantic, so they piled up against the Atlantic seaboard and many of them are still idle and desperate in the sea coast cities of the United States.

Of course the American government would not permit any open organization of this disappointed host for the invasion of Canada, but a secret organization is quite possible. Canada must be ready for such an occurrence and the Home Guard idea is by all means the most feasible one when our volunteers are in Europe.

In every town that skulking, nonchalant type of person who ridicules every valuable project, is to be found and all that we ask of those of that type in Pembroke, if they are unwilling to lend their support to the Home Guard, is that they attend strictly to their own business and not interfere with that organization at all.