

Jobless Army to Defend Winnipeg

Proposal to Form Unemployed Into Home Guard Being Considered

Winnipeg's jobless army may be formed into a Home Guard at a cost of half a million dollars, if the scheme considered by the Board of Control to-day is adopted. The opinion of military authorities on the matter will be secured, as the city dads are fearful of placing themselves in the same position as Toronto which city was "called" by Major-General Samuel Hughes.

The proposal arose when a delegation of unemployed headed by H. Wilson interviewed the Board of Control. They said they would enlist—most had offered themselves, but they weren't wanted yet. In the meantime they were hungry. Efforts to get on farms had failed.

A Home Guard of 1,000 men, said the Mayor, would cost \$500,000—50c a day to board each man—until warm weather returned.

The suggestion will be investigated.