

or to kill his enemy. It is safer to kill him. It is equally the duty of the loyal citizen, whether for the time being he assumes the functions of the soldier, or has opportunity, as an unattached volunteer, to attack the enemy or defend his home. Officially, it is generally left to the regular soldier or organized militia to perform the duties of attack and defence, and while any other arrangement might be an embarrassing interference with the commander of a campaign, and of serious moment to the inhabitants themselves, guerilla warfare may be most valuable, and men who have passed the "age limit" thoroughly useful. At any rate, it should be the duty of all loyal citizens to equip themselves for emergencies, either to fill the places of the killed and wounded, or to do effective service in any other way. This sort of service was well illustrated by the "home-guard" of Canadian farmers during the Fenian Raids, and more extensively by the Boers during the present war. We have had in Africa, not only a splendid example of the obstinate courage, coupled perhaps with a touch of puritanical fanaticism, but a striking proof of the efficiency and mobility of comparatively undisciplined forces, owing success not so much to the genius of military knowledge or organization, as to an individual habit of strategy and self-reliance, which has revolutionized for every nation some of the theories and practice of modern warfare.

Taking the topography of the Transvaal, I imagine we may find similar conditions throughout our Eastern Townships and the Laurentian range—kopjes of a like and larger character, which would necessitate like tactics. In spite of the ingenuity displayed in the construction of rifles and artillery, the larger part of the attention of our land forces—much more so than of the naval force—has been given to the improvement and routine of drill and discipline—an almost unknown quantity with the Boers. If the Boer war has not shown the uselessness of much of this routine, it has at least revealed the fact that there are some things which the inexperienced may teach the expert, that the regular has some things to learn from the volunteer, and that for all-round service the Boer, Australian, New Zealander and Canadian are superior to the best disciplined troops in the world.

WOULD HAVE BEEN PITIED.

Had any one offered these and some very recent tactical suggestions to the War Office a few months ago, he would have been pitied for his presumption. We have seen enough and know enough in this country to measure the special characteristics of the rough and ready colonist-born, in contrast to the