



ONTARIO

THE SECURITY FRAUDS PREVENTION BOARD
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
TORONTO, CANADA

February 22nd, 1932.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Many thanks for the copy of your address on Disarmament, delivered before the National Republican Club of New York on January 16th.

I was particularly impressed by the reference to the Battle of Amiens. The picture you gave of the appalling conditions in the hospitals behind the lines following this great victory dramatically brought to my mind the contrast between the reality at the Front and every such victory which was blazoned across the front pages of the newspapers of the allied countries during the War.

It is the utter inability of the delegates appointed by Canada and the United States to even begin to understand the reality of that picture which impresses me with the cynical futility of the effort being made at the present Conference by the three greatest English-speaking nations, Great Britain, the United States, and Canada. In their delegations, there is not one man who has known the reality of war even for a short period. They are those who read the headlines, who enjoyed the pomp of victory, but only vicariously appreciated the tragedy which lay behind it all.

I was very much impressed with two things that happened while I was in Ottawa last week. A prominent newspaperman in Ottawa told me that when his appointment as a delegate was announced, Maurice Dupres, obviously highly pleased with life, came into his office, and said, "Well, I have worked hard for a year and a half, and now I am going to have a real holiday." This from a man who, if he had read ten