

hours a day every day until the Conference opened, and then had ~~to~~ continued to read during the Conference, would only have begun to grasp the tremendous subject he was being sent to Geneva to deal with.

Another thing that impressed me was a speech by Colonel Harry Crerar on Saturday. He is undoubtedly one of the most brilliant staff officers in Ottawa, and gave the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Artillery Association a carefully prepared paper on "Modern Developments in Training for War." He closed his remarks with words to this effect:- "History teaches us that, subject to proper moral safeguards, national security still depends on the best trained armies with the best equipment.

I cannot help comparing this official view with the words which you quoted in your speech in New York of Viscount Grey, "The enormous growth of armaments in Europe, the sense of insecurity and fear caused by them -- it is these that make war inevitable."

These words of Harry Crerar's, who is a personal friend of mine, emphasize the danger, which has so often been pointed out, of technical advisers for delegates who have no practical knowledge of the subject.

It would seem to be axiomatic that an intelligent discussion of the subject of disarmament entails some practical knowledge of the use of armaments which it is proposed to limit, yet, in examining the personnel of the delegations from the various countries, it would almost seem that there had been a definite policy of choosing those who knew least of the subject they were meeting to discuss.

The increase of interest in Disarmament as a practical problem, which has manifested itself all over this country in the past few months, has been astonishing. I earnestly hope that the present Conference will adjourn for perhaps a year or less, without coming to the inconclusive results at the end of the Conference which appear inevitable with the present delegations, in view of the statements which have been made by the different nations. If such an adjournment took place for a year, I am satisfied that popular opinion is growing so strong that an entirely new complexion would be given to the Conference a year from