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Hon. R. Dandurand,3

you it was not considered as a joke by many members of the financial clique of St. James Street, and the same applies to my rising to a question of privilege on the 28th ultimo to deny flatly the criticism of my speech contained in a financial paper situated in the Royal Bank Building of Montreal.

Personally, I am indifferent to all criticism, as such tirades regarding myself have the same effect as the proverbial 'water on a duck's back,' but I do not forget that I have children who are grown up, grandchildren, and, I believe, thousands of friends, who, I consider, like me for myself and not because I am a Senator or hold any other exalted position and in whose eyes I should not like to be humiliated as such actions as yours would do, inadvertently, I hope.

I come from very humble parentage, if I must believe the speeches that were made during my campaign by emissaries for so-called Liberal-Independent candidates sent into the Vaudreuil - Soulanges Constituency by Montreal capitalists, who stated on the public platform that my grandfather was hanged in Scotland for stealing sheep and that my grandfather's father was an old bachelor. This I cannot refute or admit, but I do know that my grandmother was a squaw, named Cokeri, - see archives in the presbytery in my parish. Her father's name, I understand, was "Fire Water," but, strange as it may be to you, I would not exchange the red blood in my veins for the fish blood in those of my enemies.

In conclusion, I wish to say I have no inclination - and I suppose you share the same desire - that this controversy should continue, but as I consider your explanation absolutely unsatisfactory and not made in the manner or place in which I should be given an explanation, and while I do not harbour any ill-feeling towards you but continue to follow the dictates of my wigwag temple, I feel that I cannot

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