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Dear Roger:

I am pleased with your letter of 27th ult. If I conveyed the impression that I was finding fault with your attitude towards General Simonds, let me assure you there was no intention of doing so. I think he showed his feet into a matter of history which, judging by his performance, he was not qualified to enter upon. He has, with utter unconcern, set himself up as a critic of those who did to their utmost in the First War, what he would like Canada to be resolved and prepared to do should similar peril overtake us again. At least, such has been the interpretation of his speeches by those who profited in the dark days of the First Great War, by preaching "no compulsion" no matter what the consequences, and who certainly have reaped, at the cost of Canada, a beautiful political harvest.

It is very, very comforting to me to learn from your letter that you have been asked to review the Conservative Party of Canada for the Canadian Historical Review.

Yours sincerely,

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Later - Just received yours of 29th. No, I have not read the Birth of Britain, but I certainly will. Seem to be particularly busy now - a large measure with The Salvation Army affairs. Churchill seems to become more amazing with the years.

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