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Toronto, August 11, 1955.

Dr. W. Roger Graham, Lake Simcoe, Ontario.

I could scarcely suppress my anger when I read Thomas Vien's reference to me as constantly sneering. I do not think the word applied to me at all, but it did apply, in a perfect fit, to Thomas Vien himself. My matter may have been disconcerting and hurtful, but I do not think my style was that of a sneerer at all. I do not think others thought so. Perhaps I told you this before, but I know that if you look the Hansard of the time we were holding our meetings in the Museum-sthat would be about '17, '18 and '19--you will find that Michael Clark, a very able speaker and about as effective a debater as the Liberals had, chastened one or more of them for their language referring to me, and definitely stated that I had never at any time hit below the belt. This he said in a speech in the Commons in my hearing.

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I am ancious, and more than ancious, to do everything I can to be of help to you while strength to do so remains. Do not fail to the very last in helping me to realize this desire.

Miss Edmondson tells me that I have not sent you an article by Heath N. Macquarrie which appeared recently in a little Western paper--Virden-Empire-Advance, doubtless copied from some other. I am enclosing a copy.

Yours sincerely,

AM/E. Encl.

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