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## *Dundonald's Statement.*

**T**HE Dundonald incident has attracted considerable attention and probably will continue to do so for the nine days. The General has published a statement in the press from the concluding sentences of which one would imagine that it was intended as a farewell address to the volunteers of Canada but which is in reality a campaign document, directed against the government of Canada by an imperial officer who holds no position in the employ of this country. Lord Dundonald had apparently no defence to make for the speech he offered in Montreal and the breach of discipline which he committed in the face of the officers of that garrison, as he states that he was "fully aware of the gravity of the step which I took in making a public protest. I was fully aware that it was an unusual step."

The first duty of a soldier is set out concisely in the history of the war in South Africa prepared in the historical section of the Great General Staff, Berlin, by German officers. There it is noted that at Paardeberg in the absence of Lord Roberts General Kelly-Kenny was senior in command. Yet Lord Kitchener wished as chief

of staff to command in person all units including battalions. The consequence was that a strong feeling of resentment took possession of the divisional generals. Nevertheless we read:

"The demeanour of General Kelly-Kenny towards Lord Kitchener was so perfect throughout that the latter did not even suspect that General Kelly-Kenny was dissatisfied. General Kelly-Kenny fulfilled a simple soldierly duty by putting all personal considerations on one side for the good of the service. The true greatness of a strong soldierly character is shown in such modest demeanour and renunciation of self, so necessary in the settlement of such quarrels, at times when the situation causes of itself great mental and moral strain."

If Lord Dundonald had been possessed of the soldier's spirit described in the above paragraph and had put aside his self-importance and, perhaps, his offended vanity he might have made a success in Canada. The document which was published last Monday in the daily press shows that Lord Dundonald imagines himself to be personally aggrieved, and, stripped of all sophistry, and relieved of its verbiage, the grievance of Lord Dundonald boiled down is "I could