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## *Unfounded Assertions.*

A PORTION of the press seems to have gone a bit daft over Lord Dundonald. The Toronto Mail and Empire in its issue of Saturday July 23, makes the statement that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues undertook to disgrace Lord Dundonald in the Ottawa Journal, which very properly denounced the character of an article published in another evening paper, held that paper up to execration for saying that Lord Dundonald was a disgraced officer. The Toronto News, a Conservative paper, has a cartoon in its issue of the 21st inst. which represents a fight between the government and Lord Dundonald with the general in a very belligerent attitude, and the government looking sheepish and saying "don't want to fight it out." It is important that we should not get away from the facts of this interesting case, which has caused so much discussion both in and out of parliament. There is no fight between the government and Lord Dundonald. It is true that Lord Dundonald seems to enjoy a fight, but it takes two to make a fight. All that the government did was to remove one of their officials from

office because he committed a grave breach of discipline. Afterwards he gave the Minister of militia, his superior, a slap in the face by handing to a member of the Opposition a memorandum which he says he did not give to his own Minister lest it should be pigeon holed. For an officer to say that if he had a defence to make in regard to a matter that had become public and which was at the moment being discussed in parliament that document would be suppressed by one of the Ministers of the Crown, is to say something which stamps him as a man who either says more than he thinks, or does not stop to think. It is a rash, careless statement. This we say added to his original offence and made it necessary for the government to remove him from office. Now that is all the government did and, since, all they have done is to appoint Lord Aylmer as acting General Officer Commanding. There was no attempt whatever to humiliate or disgrace Lord Dundonald. The statement of the Mail and Empire is a fabrication. So far from it being true Sir Wilfrid Laurier placed the highest estimate on the charac-