

judicious control. As regards the patronage of the Department, it was administered by the Postmaster-General with a constant eye to the good of the service, and occasionally with a wholesome indifference to mere party demands. One of the chief characteristics of the subject of this sketch during his administrative career was that he was never willing to descend to the level of the mere party politician. Some have said that this was due to the fact that his position exempted him from dependence on the popular vote; but we have seen other Senators whose high position did not seem to exercise any very elevating effect on their political methods.

After a six years' tenure, exactly, of the Post Office Department Mr. Campbell accepted the portfolio of the newly constituted Department of the Interior. Here everything was to create, order had to be called out of a most discouraging chaos; but the new minister was proceeding bravely with his task, when the Government of which he was a member met an inglorious defeat over the Pacific Scandal. The operations which led to this result had been carried on wholly without Mr. Campbell's knowledge: he was not indeed the kind of a man to whom the schemes formed at that time for creating an election fund were likely to be confided. Mr. Campbell did not, however, like Mr. Cartwright, see in the occurrences to which we are referring sufficient reason for separating himself from his party. He probably judged that he could render better service to the country in the ranks of the Conservative party than anywhere else; and he looked forward, doubtless, to the time when that party, rendered wiser by experience, would again be called to control the destinies of the country. From 1873 to 1878 Mr. Campbell acted as Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and discharged the duties of the position with the same ability as well as with the same fairness and moderation as when he had represented the Government. To act a really factious part was, we may say, almost wholly out of power; certainly, it would have been foreign to his nature. When the Conservative party returned to office in November, 1878, Mr. Campbell first accepted the position of Receiver-General, but in the spring of 1879 he returned to his old office of Postmaster-General. Thence he passed in the month of January, 1880, to the Department of