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When Laurier announced his cabinet great things were predicted of it. It was a cabinet of heavy weights, and the fact that it contained more wealthy men than any administration in the history of the Dominion was pointed to with pride. Their personal wealth was said to be a guarantee of an honest administration, and Liberals were happy and contented. I was myself as foolish in this respect as any Liberal in Canada, and I have shared with them the shock of revelation. That is the proper word, for the way in which they have turned out has been a revelation—certainly not a realization. It was to be a broad-minded administration, so its prophets said. There would be no smallness, no pettifogging in the administration of the country's affairs. How wofully have all these predictions been discredited! It has done more little, pettifogging acts than any administration in the history of Canada, except perhaps that of Sir Alexander Mackenzie, which killed itself and all who came after it for nearly a quarter of a century by pursuing just such a course, as is now being pursued by the Laurier government. And most remarkable of all, this state of affairs seems due to one or two men only. These men are marked, and the Premier will either have to rid himself of them or face defeat at the next elections.

The man who is rapidly earning for himself the reputation of being the most unpopular Cabinet Minister of the day, is the Postmaster-General. He has done everything that he could do to hurt himself politically, and has shown a spirit of smallness in the management of his department that is surprising in a man of his means. He has done more petty pinching and squeezing, and driving among the unfortunate clerks under his control, than any other man in the government, save only J. I. Tarte, who has probably equalled him. Mr. Mulock, more than any other man in the government, is to be held responsible for the very dis-