

## SCENE VII

Miss Jones: Sir, there's a very excited young man outside.  
I think he is one of the new F.S.O.'s.

*(Excited young man rushes on stage waving secret message).*

Junior Officer: Where is the minister? Where is the minister?  
I have a top secret message for the minister that just arrived from Moscow. Are you the minister - No. *(Looks at the Minister)* Are you the minister - No. *(Looks at the Under-Secretary)* Ah you must be the minister, you have the most honest face. *(Looks at the Soviet Ambassador)* Here is a message for you sir.

Soviet Ambass.: Thank you very much. *(Hurries off stage)*

Under-Sec.: You young fool, you have bungled again. What have you given the Soviet Ambassador? There is only one thing to do to you. Security guards!

*(Two security guards come on stage and begin to drag the junior officer away).*

Under-Sec.: You know what to do with him - the usual thing.

First Guard: Right, sir, off to Indochina.

*(Junior officer breaks away from guards and rushes back to the Under-Secretary pleading).*

Junior Officer: Oh not that sir, not Indochina.

Under-Sec.: Very well, if you are not satisfied with that you can stay in Ottawa for the rest of your life.

*(As the security guard drags the young officer away he is heard crying).*

Junior Officer: No not that - not Ottawa.

## SCENE VIII

Minister: My this is a confusing job. Sometimes I wish I had stayed in Toronto.

*(All members of the cast come on stage to sing the finale - Song No. 4 - "A Minister's Lot is not an Easy One").*

## FINALE

*(To the tune of "A Policeman's Lot is not a Happy One";  
Pirates of Penzance)*

1. When a steno's not engaged in typing letters  
- typing letters  
Or listening for the telephone to ring  
- 'phone to ring  
Her chance of throwing off her office fetters  
- office fetters  
Is just as great as any job could bring  
- job could bring  
But our pity we with difficulty smother  
- 'culty smother  
When ministerial duty's to be done  
- to be done  
And take one consideration with another  
- with another  
A minister's task is not an easy one  
When ministerial duty's to be done  
- to be done  
A minister's task is not an easy one
2. When a filing clerk's not occupied in filing  
- 'pied in filing  
When a messenger's not running to and fro  
- to and fro  
He has coffee with the others who are whiling  
- who are whiling  
The hours away until it's time to go  
- time to go  
When a civil servant's fed up being civil  
- being civil  
He loves to sit a dozing in the sun  
- in the sun  
But considering the real work and the drivel  
- and the drivel  
A minister's task is never really done  
When ministerial duty's to be done  
- to be done  
A minister's task is not an easy one