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Inside View of an Opposition.

AS an exhibition of the weakness of a Parliamentary Opposition, the Hansard of the House of Commons of June 6th might convey a lesson to the men who compose the Conservative party in Canada. The 6th of June was the 14th anniversary of the death of Sir John Macdonald. If the shade of that great leader was present in that Chamber where for so long he was the master mind what a spectacle was presented to him.

The House was in committee of supply on the militia estimates and two or three front bench members, presumable leaders of the Opposition, if there are any leaders, entered into a discussion of the petty details of an item of \$1,100 for advertising. The item that was being voted amounted to \$65,000. Some of the details of that item were, \$30,000, \$13,000, \$5,000 and even for printing and stationery \$4,000, all these sums being advertising expenditure for the Royal Military College of Canada. The great Conservative party, through its front bench members, seized upon the paltry little item of \$1,100, and began to analyze it on the basis of the payments of last year as set forth in the Auditor General's report. The Conservatives distributed patronage so long that some how or other they seem now to resent the Liberals, who were out in the cold for 18 years, receiving anything in the shape of encouragement, even when



Hon. George E. Foster as he appeared when alluding to Events as a funeral.