



**T**HERE can be no escape from the charge that the Dominion Opposition has neglected its plain duties during the session that has just closed. Somewhere around \$70,000,000 have been expended, and the criticism has been confined to probably \$300,000 or \$400,000, and even the items criticized were not challenged. Indeed,

the Opposition, so far from scrutinizing the expenditure closely is revealed as criticizing items which it refuses to allow to be struck out, when the government expresses willingness. That is decidedly weak. The Opposition has fairly revealed its inconsistency during the session just closed. On more than one occasion it has



A Toronto newspaper man in the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

when a challenge of an item of \$1,000 was made, the minister in charge moved to strike the item out, but the member of the Opposition who made the criticism protested, and in fact "dared" the minister to strike it out. The public must realize that

called for greater expenditure of money, and wound up by condemning the government for spending too much. A vote of want of confidence in the government was moved on the ground that the tobacco tax was not high enough, and at that

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