

SPEECH BY  
MR. MULOCK  
IN THE  
HOUSE OF COMMONS  
ON  
*THE 19th OF APRIL, 1894.*

*In support of his motion that persons examined as witnesses as to expenditure of public money should be examined under oath, etc.*

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HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1894.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

MR. MULOCK moved :

That, in accordance with the resolutions adopted unanimously by the House in the sessions of 1891 and 1892, it is desirable that any witnesses called before the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be examined under oath or affirmation touching any matters coming before them.

He said: Mr. Speaker, in making this motion, I may remind hon. members that it comes before the House now in consequence of the reports and actions of the Public Accounts Committee. In the session of 1891, the House itself passed a resolution in the words of that which is now in your hands. But the Public Accounts Committee, or some members of it rather, believing that it would be more courteous to the committee that the recommendation should come from the committee to the House, on this occasion I preferred to waive my own view as to the rights of the House, by first of all ascertaining whether the committee agreed in the course which I am now taking. Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, as you will observe, from reading the first report, I moved in the Public Accounts Committee to the effect of the motion now in your