

Oath of Allegiance to be taken.

exercise of their respective duties, functions and professions; and such Proclamation shall suffice, and the incumbents shall, as soon thereafter as may be, take the usual and customary oath of Allegiance, as hereinafter provided, before the proper officer or officers thereunto appointed :

Effect of such Proclamation.

2. And such Proclamation being issued, and oath taken, each and every such Officer of Canada and Functionary shall continue in the lawful exercise of the duties and functions of his office or profession, as fully as if appointed *de novo* by commission derived from the Sovereign for the time being; and all acts and things *bonâ fide* done and performed by such incumbents in their respective offices, and in the due and faithful performance of their duties, functions and professions, between the time of such demise and the Proclamation so to be issued (such Oath of Allegiance being always duly taken), shall be deemed to be legally done, and valid accordingly.

Rights of the Crown saved.

2. Nothing in the preceding section shall prejudice or in any-wise affect the rights or prerogative of the Crown, with respect to any office or appointment derived or held by authority from it, nor prejudice or affect the rights or prerogatives thereof in any other respect whatsoever.

OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE AND OF OFFICE.

Form of oath prescribed.

3. The following form and no other, shall be that of the Oath of Allegiance to be administered to and taken by every person in Canada who, either of his own accord or in compliance with any lawful requirement made on him, or in obedience to the directions of this Act or of any other Act or law in force in Canada, save and except the "British North America Act, 1867," desires to take an Oath of Allegiance, that is to say :

The form.

" I, A. B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria (*or reigning Sovereign for the time being*), as lawful Sovereign of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of this Dominion of Canada, dependent on and belonging to the said Kingdom, and that I will defend Her to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspiracies or attempts whatever, which shall be made against Her Person, Crown and Dignity, and that I will do my utmost endeavor to disclose and make known to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, all treasons or traitorous conspiracies and attempts which I shall know to be against Her or any of them; and all this I do swear without any equivocation, mental evasion or secret reservation. So help me God." And all Magistrates and other Officers lawfully authorized, either by virtue of their office or special commission from the Crown for that purpose, may administer the oath of Allegiance under

Who may administer it.