

*Warrant granting Armorial Bearings for the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and a Great Seal for the Dominion of Canada.*

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward George Fitzalan Howard, (commonly called Lord Edward George Fitzalan Howard,) Deputy to our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin, Henry, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, and our Hereditary Marshal of England,

GREETING :

WHEREAS, by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of Parliament, passed in the twenty-ninth year of Our Reign, entitled "An Act for the Union of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and the Government thereof," We were empowered to declare, after a certain day therein appointed, that the said Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, should form one Dominion, under the name of Canada; and it was provided that on and after the day so appointed, Canada should be divided into four Provinces, named Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick; that the part of the then Province of Canada which formerly constituted the Province of Upper Canada, should constitute the Province of Ontario; and the part which formerly constituted the Province of Lower Canada, should constitute the Province of Quebec; and that the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, should have the same limits as at the passing of the said Act. And, whereas, we did by our Royal Proclamation, bearing date the twenty-second day May last, declare, ordain, and command, that on and after the first day of July, 1867, the said Provinces should form and be one Dominion, under the name of Canada accordingly.

And forasmuch as it is our Royal Will and Pleasure that for the greater honour and distinction of the said Provinces certain armorial ensigns should be assigned to them;

Know ye, therefore, that We, of Our Princely Grace and special favour, have granted and assigned, and by these presents do grant and assign the armorial ensigns following, that is to say:—

For the Province of Ontario:—Vert a sprig of three leaves of maple slipped or, on a chief argent the cross of St. George.

For the Province of Quebec:—Or on a fess gules between two fleur-de-lis in chief azure and a sprig of three leaves of maple slipped vert in base a lion passant guardant or.

For the Province of Nova Scotia:—Or on a fess navy azure between three thistles proper a salmon naiant argent.

For the Province of New Brunswick:—Or on waves a lymphad, or ancient galley with oars in action proper on a chief gules, a lion passant guardant, or, as the same are severally depicted in the margin hereof, to be borne for the said respective provinces on seals, shields, banners, flags or otherwise according to the laws of arms.

And we are further pleased to declare that the said United Provinces of Canada being one Dominion under the name of Canada, shall upon all occasions that may be required, use a common seal to be called the "Great Seal of Canada," which said seal shall be composed of the arms of the said four Provinces quarterly, all which Armorial Bearings are set forth in this our Royal Warrant. Our will and pleasure, therefore, is that you, Edward George Fitzalan Howard (commonly called Lord Edward George Fitzalan Howard), Deputy to our said Earl Marshal, to whom the cognizance of matters of this nature doth properly belong, do require and command that this our Concession and Declaration be recorded in our College of Arms in order that our officers of arms and all other public functionaries whom it may concern, may take