

Oath of allegiance

I, Albert Joseph Walsh, do swear that I will be faithful and true and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Sixth, his heirs and successors according to law.

So help me God.

Oaths of office

You shall well and truly execute the office and trust of Lieutenant Governor of the province of Newfoundland and duly and impartially administer justice therein.

So help you God.

You shall well and truly execute the office and trust of Keeper of the great seal of His Majesty's province of Newfoundland according to the best of your knowledge and ability.

So help you God.

Commentator: The oath has now been administered, and the Honourable Colin Gibson, a member of the government of Canada, will speak.

On presentation of token certificate of citizenship to Sir Albert Walsh, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland:

Hon. Colin Gibson (Minister of Mines and Resources):

Your Honour, it is a great privilege for me, as a representative of the Prime Minister and the people of Canada, to be here today in St. John's to take part in this confederation ceremony.

We welcome the people of Newfoundland who today become equal partners with us in the development of the northern part of the American continent.

In recognition of your entry into our confederation I have much pleasure in presenting to you, sir, this certificate of Canadian citizenship, which has been specially prepared to mark this occasion. As you will see, it certifies that every Newfoundland British subject coming within the relevant provisions of the Canadian Citizenship Act adds to his status as a British subject that of being a Canadian citizen, and that he or she is entitled to all rights, powers and privileges, and subject to all obligations, duties and liabilities to which a natural-born Canadian citizen is entitled or subject.

I can assure you, sir, that all the people of Canada join with me in extending to the people of Newfoundland a welcome into our Canadian family.

Sir Albert Walsh (Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Newfoundland): Hon. Mr. Gibson, on behalf of the people of Newfoundland I am happy to welcome you on the occasion of your visit to Newfoundland to take part in this ceremony as the representative of the Prime Minister and the people of Canada.

The certificate of citizenship which you have presented to the people of Newfoundland, through me, shows that all of us now have a new status, that of Canadian citizens, which entitles us to rank equally with all other Canadian citizens throughout all Canada. This new citizenship is in addition to the status which we have enjoyed in common, the status of British subjects. I am glad to accept this certificate, and can assure you that the people of Newfoundland who will enjoy the privileges of this new citizenship will faithfully discharge their duties as citizens.