

CANADA.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc., etc., etc.

To all to whom these presents shall come, —GREETING :

DAVID MILLS, }
Attorney General, }
Canada. } WHERÉAS by chapter nineteen of the Revised Statutes of Canada intituled "An Act respecting Public Officers," it is, amongst other things, in effect enacted, that upon the demise of the Crown, it shall not be necessary to renew any commission by virtue whereof any officer of Canada, or any functionary in Canada held his office or profession during the previous reign; but that a proclamation shall be issued by the Governor General authorizing all persons in office as officers of Canada who held commissions under the late Sovereign, and all functionaries who exercised any profession by virtue of such commissions to continue in the due exercise of their respective duties, functions, and professions; and that such proclamation shall suffice and that the incumbents shall, as soon thereafter as possible, take the usual and customary oath of allegiance before the proper officer or officers thereunto appointed,—

Now, therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, We do, by this Our Proclamation, authorize all persons in office as officers of Canada who, at the time of the demise of Our late Royal Mother of glorious memory, were duly and lawfully holding or were duly and lawfully possessed of or invested in any office, place or employment, civil or military within Our Dominion of Canada, or who held commissions under the late Sovereign, and all functionaries who exercised any profession by virtue of such commissions, to severally continue in the due exercise of their respective duties, functions and professions; for which this Our Proclamation shall be sufficient warrant.

And We do ordain that all incumbents of such offices and functions and all persons holding commissions as aforesaid shall, as soon hereafter as possible, take the usual and customary oath of allegiance to Us before the proper officer or officers thereunto appointed.

And We do hereby require and command all Our loving subjects to be aiding, helping and assisting all such officers of Canada and other functionaries in the performance and execution of their respective offices and places.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin the Right Honourable Sir GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT, Earl of Minto, and Viscount Melgund of Melgund, County of Forfar, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Minto of Minto, County of Roxburgh, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, etc., etc., Governor-General of Canada.

Given, etc., etc., January 23, 1901.