

SOME exception has been taken to the emblem of the Arms of Canada on our flag, as, while being a significant emblem, it is not easily distinguishable at sea, and it is difficult to have the emblem, with its many intricate parts, sewn into the bunting which forms the field of the flag.

IT was suggested at the time of the Diamond Jubilee of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, that the Canadian emblem be a *Maple Leaf* on a white diamond background, but the suggestion is herein made that a simple *Maple Leaf* in a suitable color would be more easily distinguishable and an even more appropriate emblem.

AS Mr. Barlow Cumberland has said : " It is found in luxuriance in every Province of the Dominion. It flourishes in the Maritime Provinces and in Quebec. It is the finest forest tree in Ontario. Manitoba Maples form the foliage of the North-West, and anyone who has seen the giant maple leaves of British Columbia will say the maple leaf is the natural emblem of Canada. It was held in high esteem by the early settlers of Quebec, and was adopted in 1836 as the French Canadian Emblem for the Festival of St. Jean Baptiste. At the creation of the union in Confederation, it was placed in the Arms of Quebec and Ontario, and was heraldically recognized as the Emblem of Canada. It has been worn on the breasts of all the representative champions of Canada, at the oar, on the yachts, on the athletic fields, and at the rifle ranges. It is on the uniforms and accoutrements of the Canadian Militia, of Mounted Police and all official services."