

concerned, that the words "the Dominion of" should be deleted, so that the Oath may conform to the nomenclature laid down by the British North America Act.

(c) What would happen should Australia, New Zealand or the Irish Free State, any or all of them, decline to fall in with the South African idea? Some might insist they were satisfied with the traditional Oath. Others might demand a common new form but insist on multiple administering of it. A refusal to take part in the ceremony at all might arise.

9. A draft Bill to establish the Coronation Oath for Canada, based on the South African draft, is submitted for consideration, as follows:

1. The King, either upon assuming the Executive Government and Authority of and over Canada or at his coronation, shall take an oath the purport of which shall be that he will govern the people of Canada and the dominions thereto belonging, according to the statutes agreed upon in the Parliament of Canada and according to the laws and customs of Canada, and that he will cause law and justice, in mercy, to be executed in all his judgments.

2. It shall be lawful that an oath in the interest of the peoples of other realms under the Crown as well as of the people of Canada be administered to and taken by the King as one act; provided that such oath shall embody the purport of the oath provided for in Section 1; and the taking of such an oath shall be deemed a sufficient compliance with the provisions of Section 1.

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