

the Sovereign himself who personally makes such assignments within all his dominions.

The King thereupon issued a Royal Proclamation, on 21st November, 1921, by virtue of which the national colours and devices asked for were established and proclaimed to the world as the lawful armorial bearings or national insignia of Canada. This Proclamation, which I shall now read, is in technical heraldic language and somewhat overburdened with a dozen "honourable augmentations" in the shape of devices belonging to England, Scotland, Ireland and Royal France. I shall later clarify it, therefore, by separating and isolating the items in question which appertain to Canada exclusively. The full text of the proclamation is as follows:

BY THE KING  
A PROCLAMATION

Declaring His Majesty's Pleasure concerning the Ensigns Armorial of the Dominion of Canada

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS we have received a request from The Governor General in Council of Our Dominion of Canada that the Arms or Ensigns Armorial hereinafter described should be assigned to Our said Dominion.

We do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, and in exercise of the powers conferred by the first Article of the Union with Ireland Act, 1800, appoint and declare that the arms or ensigns armorial of the Dominion of Canada shall be: Tierced in fesse the first and second divisions containing the quarterly coat following, namely, 1st, Gules three lions passant guardant in pale or, 2nd, Or a lion rampant within a double tressure flory-counter-glory gules, 3rd, Azures a harp or stringent argent, 4th, Azure three fleurs-de-lis or, and the third division Argent three maple leaves conjoined on one stem proper. And upon a Royal helmet mantled argent doubled gules the Crest, that is to say, On a wreath of the colours argent and gules a lion passant guardant or imperially crowned proper and holding in the dexter paw a maple leaf gules. And for Supporters On the dexter a lion rampant or holding a lance argent, point or, flying therefrom to the dexter the Union Flag, and on the sinister A unicorn argent armed crined and unguled or, gorged with a coronet composed of crosses-patée and fleurs-de-lis a chain affixed thereto reflexed the last, and holding a like lance flying therefrom to the sinister a banner azure charged with three fleurs-de-lis or; the whole ensigned with the Imperial Crown proper and below the shield upon a wreath composed of roses, thistles, shamrocks and lilies a scroll azure inscribed with the motto—A mari usque ad mare, and Our Will and Pleasure further is that the Arms or Ensigns Armorial aforesaid shall be used henceforth, as far as conveniently may be, on all occasions wherein the said Arms or Ensigns Armorial of the Dominion of Canada ought to be used.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this twenty-first day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

That is the full text, verbatim, it may sound like nonsense, but it enables anyone who understands to draw and colour a picture complete in every detail. It resembles a doctor's prescription, you either understand it, or it is nonsense.