



Arms of Ontario, 1868

With Crest, Supporters and Motto added in 1909

Crest—"Upon a Wreath of the Colours a Bear passant Sable."

Supporters—"On the Dexter side a Moose and on the Sinister side a Canadian Deer, both Proper."

Motto—"Ut Incepit Fidelis Sic Permanet."

This means—above the shield, on a twisted strand of the colours of which the body of the shield for Ontario is composed, viz., silver and green, a black bear walks with right fore-paw raised. On the right side of the shield a moose, and on the left side a Canadian deer, both in natural colours, are represented as supporting the shield.

The Motto means—"As loyal she began so shall she ever remain."

The significance of these lies in the fact that "the black bear is the principal beast of prey in the Province, the moose is the largest inhabitant of the woods and the deer is the most common. The motto alludes to the original settlement of Upper Canada by the United Empire Loyalists."