

"Union and the dominions thereto belonging, according to the Statutes agreed on in the Parliament of the Union and according to the laws and customs of the same; and that he will cause law and justice, in mercy, to be executed in all his judgments.

2. The Governor-General may authorise any person to administer the oath and may arrange with the other Members of the British Commonwealth of Nations for a collective oath to be administered to and to be taken by the King, in a form to be agreed upon, provided that the purport of the oath as set forth in section one be embodied in such collective oath. The taking of such a collective oath shall be deemed sufficient compliance with the provisions of section one."

7. The proposed South African "collective oath" reads as follows:

"Will you solemnly promise and swear that you will govern the people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the Dominion of Canada, of the Commonwealth of Australia, of the Dominion of New Zealand, of the Union of South Africa, of the Irish Free State, and of the dominions respectively to each of these belonging, according to the Statutes in the Parliament of each of them agreed on and according to the respective laws and customs of each of them?"

Comment

8. (a) The term "collective oath" in the South African draft Bill lacks precision.

(b) As regards the proposed South African form of Oath it would seem desirable, so far as Canada is