

COAT-OF-ARMS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.—(No. 46, vol. I, p. 96). The authority for placing all the coats-of-arms upon the shield of the Dominion, probably emanates from the following official letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General of Canada :

Dowing Street, October 14, 1868.

My Lord,—I have the honor to enclose a certified copy of 26th May, Her Majesty's Warrant of Assignment of 1868, Armorial Bearings for the Dominion and Provinces of Canada, which has been duly enrolled in Her Majesty's College of Arms, and I have to request that your Lordship will take such steps as may be necessary for carrying Her Majesty's gracious intentions into effect :

I have, &c.,

(Signed) BUCKINGHAM & CHANDOS.

To the Governor, The Right Hon. Visc. Monk, &c., &c.

VICTORIA R.

VICTORIA, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

For our right trusty and well beloved councillor Edward George Fitzalan Howard, (commonly called Lord Edward George Fitzalan Howard), deputy to our right trusty and right entirely beloved cousin, Henry, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshall, and our Hereditary Marshall of England, Greeting :

Whereas, etc., we were empowered to declare after a certain day therein appointed that the Provinces of Nova Scotia, and New-Brunswick should form one Dominion under the name of Canada, etc., and after the first day of July, 1867, the said Provinces form and be one Dominion under the name of Canada accordingly.

And forasmuch as it is Our Royal will and pleasure that for the greater honour and distinction of the said Provinces certain Armorial Ensigns should be assigned to them ;

Know Ye, therefore, that We, of Our Princely Grace and special favour have granted and assigned, and by these presents do grant and assign the Armorial Ensigns following, that is to say :

FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Vert a sprig of three Leaves of Maple slipped, or on a chief Argent the Cross of St. George.

FOR THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

Or on a Fess Gules between two Fleur de Lis in chief Azure, and a sprig of three Leaves of Maple slipped vert in base, a Lion passant guardant or.

FOR THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

Or on a Fess Wavy Azure between three Thistles proper, a Salmon Naissant Argent.

FOR THE PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK

Or on Waves of Lymphad, or Ancient Galley, with Oars in action, proper on a chief Gules a Lion passant guardant or as the same are severally depicted in the margin thereof, to be borne for the said respective Provinces on Seals, Shields, Banners, Flags, or otherwise, according to the Laws of Arms.

And we are further pleased to declare that the said United Province of Canada, shall, upon all occasions that may be required, use a common Seal, to be called the "Great Seal of Canada," which said Seal shall be composed of the Arms of the said four Provinces quarterly, all of which armorial bearings are set forth in our Royal Warrant :

Our Will and Pleasure is that you, Edward George Fitzalan Howard (commonly called Lord Edward George Fitzalan Howard), Deputy to our said Earl Marshal, to whom the cognizance of matters of this nature doth properly belong, do require and command that this Our Concession and Declaration be recorded in our College of Arms and all other Public Functionaries whom it may concern may take full notice and knowledge thereof in their several and respective departments, and for so doing this shall be Your Warrant, given at our Court at St. James, this twenty-sixth day