

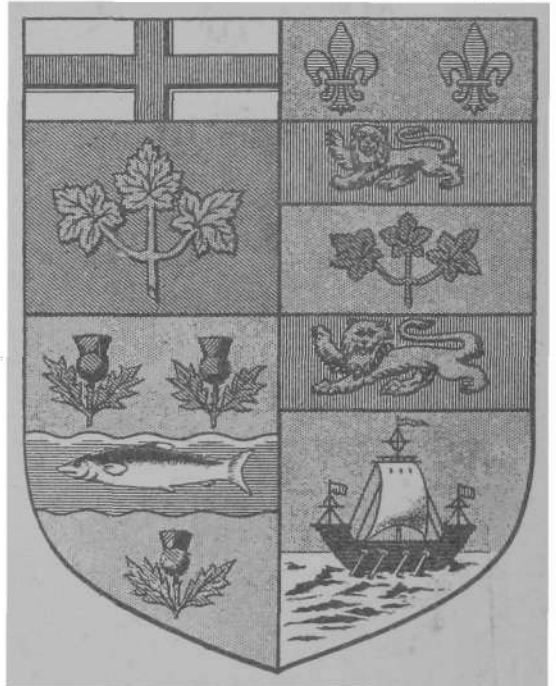
HERALDIC DESCRIPTION OF THE DOMINION ARMS

The Present Arms

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-flory gules; 3rd, Azure a harp or stringed 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 of 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*.

The Early Dominion Arms

The former Arms of the Dominion came into use following the Royal Warrant dated May 26, 1868, which assigned Arms to the four original provinces and authorized a Great Seal for the Dominion, composed of the Arms of the four provinces, quarterly. The heraldic description of the Arms is: **ONTARIO**—Vert a sprig of three leaves of maple slipped or, on a chief argent the Cross of St. George; **QUEBEC**—Or on a fess gules between two fleurs-de-lis in chief azure, and a sprig of three leaves of maple slipped vert in base, a lion passant guardant or; **NOVA SCOTIA**—Or on a fess wavy azure between three thistles proper, a salmon naiant argent; **NEW BRUNSWICK**—Or on waves a lymphad, or ancient galley, with oars in action proper, on a chief gules a lion passant guardant or.



GLOSSARY

Argent—silver.
Armed—horned.

Azure—blue.

Chief—band in top of shield.

Crined—maned.

Cross-patée—a special form of cross.

Dexter—right-hand.

Fess—horizontal band across shield.

Gorged—bearing on the throat.

Guardant—looking full-face at the spectator.

Gules—red.

In pale—in a vertical row.

Naiant—swimming.

Or—gold.

Passant—walking.

Proper—in natural colour.

Sinister—left-hand.

Slipped—severed from parent stem.

Tressure flory-counter-flory—an inside border with fleurs-de-lis alternately in opposite directions.

Unguled—hoofed.