

## DESCRIPTION OF ARMS AND MOTTOES AND EMBLEMS

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### Glossary of Terms

Argent—silver	Crosse patee—a special form of cross	Or—gold
Armed—with beak, talons, etc.	Fesse—horizontal band across shield	Passant—walking
Azure—blue	Garb—sheaf of wheat	Proper—in natural colour
Charge—device on shield	Gorged—bearing on the throat	Rampant—leaping
Chief—band in top of shield	Guardant—looking full face of the spectator	Sable—black
Crined—maned	Gules—red	Stantant—standing
	Langued—tongued	Tierced—divided into three parts
		Vert—green

### Canada

The Armorial Bearings of the Dominion were authorized Nov. 21, 1921.

**DESCRIPTION OF ARMS.**—Three considerations were kept in view in determining the combination of arms, crest, supporters, and motto: firstly, that Canadians stand to the King in the relation of British subjects; secondly, that Canada, though an integral part of the British Empire, is a member of the League of Nations; and lastly, that Canada was founded by the men of four different races—French, English, Scottish and Irish—and inherits the culture of all four. The arms are those of England, Scotland, Ireland and France, with a "difference" to mark them as Canadian, namely, on the lower third of the shield, a sprig of maple on a silver shield. The CREST is a lion holding in its paw a red maple leaf, a symbol of sacrifice. The SUPPORTERS are, with some slight distinctions, the lion and unicorn of the Royal Arms, the lion upholds the Union Jack, and the unicorn the ancient banner of France.

**MOTTO.**—A MARI USQUE AD MARE—"From sea to sea"—is an extract from the Latin version of verse 8 of the 72nd Psalm: "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

**FLORAL EMBLEM.**—Maple Leaf.

### Ontario

Granted by Royal Warrant dated May 26, 1868. Crest and Supporters granted by Royal Warrant dated Feb. 27, 1909.

**DESCRIPTION OF ARMS.**—"Vert a Sprig of three leaves of Maple slipped Or, on a Chief Argent the Cross of St. George."  
**CREST.**—"Upon a Wreath of the Colours a Bear passant Sable, and the SUPPORTERS on the dexter side A Moose, and on the sinister side A Canadian Deer, Both Proper."

**MOTTO.**—"Ut Incepit Fidelis Sic Permanet" (Loyal in the beginning, so it remained).

**FLORAL EMBLEM.**—White Trillium (c. 26, 1937).

### Quebec

Adopted by Provincial Order in Council of Dec. 9, 1939.

**DESCRIPTION OF ARMS.**—Tierced in fesse: Azure three Fleur-de-lis Or; Gules a Lion passant guardant Or armed and langued Azure; Or a Sugar Maple Sprig with three Leaves veined vert. Surmounted with the Royal Crown. Below the Shield a Scroll Argent surrounded by a Bordure Azure inscribed with the Motto Azure.

**MOTTO.**—"Je me souviens" (I remember).

**FLORAL EMBLEM.**—Maple Leaf (unofficial).

### Nova Scotia

Granted by Royal Warrant dated Jan. 19, 1929, to supersede Armorial Ensigns granted May 26, 1868.

**DESCRIPTION OF ARMS.**—"Argent a Cross of St. Andrew Azure charged with an escutcheon of the Royal Arms of Scotland", with the CREST, on a Wreath of the Colours, "A branch of laurel and a thistle issuing from two hands conjoined the one being armed and the other naked all proper", and for SUPPORTERS on the dexter "An Unicorn Argent armed crined and unguled Or, and crowned with the Imperial Crown proper, and gorged with a Coronet composed of crosse patee and fleur-de-lis, a chain affixed thereto passing through the forelegs and reflexed over the back, Gold"—and on the sinister, "A Savage holding in the exterior hand an arrow".

**MOTTO.**—"Munil hæc et altera vincit" (One defends and the other conquers).

**FLORAL EMBLEM.**—Trailing Arbutus (or Mayflower) (c. 10, 1901).

### New Brunswick

Granted by Royal Warrant dated May 26, 1868.

**DESCRIPTION OF ARMS.**—"Or on Waves of Lymphad, or Ancient Galley, with Oars in Action proper on a Chief Gules a Lion passant guardant Or."

**FLORAL EMBLEM.**—Purple Violet (Provincial Order in Council of Dec. 1, 1936).

### Manitoba

Granted by Royal Warrant dated May 10, 1905.

**DESCRIPTION OF ARMS.**—"Vert on a Rock a Buffalo stantant proper, on a Chief Argent the Cross of St. George."

**FLORAL EMBLEM.**—Crocus (*anemone patens*) (c. 29, 1906).

### British Columbia

Granted by Royal Warrant dated Mar. 31, 1906.

**DESCRIPTION OF ARMS.**—"Argent three Bars wavy Azure issuant from the base of a demi-Sun in splendour proper, on a Chief of the Union Device charged in the centre Point with an Antique Crown Or." The CREST and SUPPORTERS (dexter an Elk and sinister a Mountain Sheep, both proper) have become part of the Provincial Achievement through usage.

**MOTTO.**—"Splendor sine occasu" (Splendour without diminishment).

### Prince Edward Island

Granted by Royal Warrant dated May 30, 1905.

**DESCRIPTION OF ARMS.**—"Argent on an Island Vert, to the Sinister an Oak Tree fructed, to the Dexter thereof three oak Saplings Sprouting all Proper, on a Chief Gules a Lion passant guardant Or."

**MOTTO.**—"Parva sub ingenti" (The small under [the protection of] the great).

### Saskatchewan

Granted by Royal Warrant dated Aug. 25, 1906.

**DESCRIPTION OF ARMS.**—"Vert three Garbs in fesse Or, on a Chief of the last a Lion passant guardant Gules."

**FLORAL EMBLEM.**—Prairie Lily (c. 8, 1941).

### Alberta

Granted by Royal Warrant dated May 30, 1907.

**DESCRIPTION OF ARMS.**—"Azure in front of a Range of Snow Mountains proper, a Range of Hills Vert, in base a Wheat-field surmounted by a Prairie both also proper, on a Chief Argent a St. George's Cross."

**FLORAL EMBLEM.**—Wild Rose (c. 38, 1930).

### Newfoundland

Granted by Royal Letters Patent dated Jan. 1, 1637.

**DESCRIPTION OF ARMS.**—"Gules a cross Argent, in the first and fourth quarters a Lion passant Guardant crowned Or; in the second and third quarters an Unicorn passant Argent, armed, maned and unguled of the third, and gorged with a crown, thereto a chain affixed passing between the forelegs and reflected over his back also Or Mantled Gules doubled Argent." CREST—"On a Wreath Or and Gules an Elk passant proper." SUPPORTERS—"Two Savages of the clime armed and apparelled according to their guise when they go to war."

**MOTTO.**—"Quærite prime regnum Dei" (Seek ye first the Kingdom of God).

**FLORAL EMBLEM.**—Pitcher Plant (selected by Queen Victoria and commonly accepted throughout the Island).

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