

The Blazon

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CHAPTER WILL MEET IN NANAIMO AND HELP CITY LAUNCH NEW ARMORIAL BANNER



Arms of the City of
Nanaimo from the Letters
Patent

Circle SUNDAY, MAY 6th on your calendar and plan to join fellow Chapter members in Nanaimo for the first meeting of 1984. A special feature of the gathering will be an invitation to join Lieutenant Governor Rogers, Mayor Frank Ney and members of City Council in the official inauguration of Nanaimo's new civic flag - a banner of the city's arms. Thanks to the behind the scenes advocacy of Laurie Patten, Nanaimo Council approved adoption of the new flag at a Council meeting in March.

This first meeting will also deal with important business. At the last Annual General Meeting of the Heraldry Society of Canada, a new by-law was passed to regulate the formation of Branches and Chapters.

HSC Director and Chapter member John Goult has prepared the necessary petition forms and by-laws to allow this Chapter to petition for a Charter from the national Society. As members agreed at the November meeting, our first step, as required by the new by-law will be the establishment of five B.C. branches, which in turn will jointly petition for formal recognition of the Chapter. The petitions for chartering these branches require signatures from five HSC members in good standing. Those members not signing beforehand will be asked to sign at Nanaimo so that the Chairman can present the petitions in person when he attends the Directors' meeting in Toronto on May 12th.

SCHEDULE FOR NANAIMO MEETING, SUNDAY 6 MAY, 1984

11:30 am Lunch and business meeting. Tally Ho Hotel Restaurant
3:00 pm Flag-raising ceremony, Nanaimo City Hall

R.S.V.P. R.D. Watt 985-6955 after 6 pm by 22nd April.

EDITORIAL

I must apologize for the long drought in the appearance of The Blazon. As many of you know, the last year has been a tremendously active one for heraldry in B.C. and the Yukon. The highlight, of course, was our hosting of the annual meeting and conference of the Heraldry Society of Canada in Vancouver and Victoria, 23 - 25 September. You will not be surprised to learn that the reason for the success of the meeting was a great team effort. Many Chapter members contributed very generously of their time and talents. It is a pleasure to thank publicly the following:

Irene Alexander
Graham Anderson
Ron Crawley
Dick Danby
John Goult
Dr. Marjorie Halpin
Dr. W. Koerner

Charles Maier
Terry McCullough
Frank McCullough
Murray Mitchell
Betty Mitchell
Laurie Patten
Robert Thompson
Alison Watt

We were also the recipients of very generous loans to our special exhibition, Symbols of Splendour, including some fine items from Monaco Consul-General Fritz Ziegler. I think many present agreed that Irene Alexander had created a minor masterpiece out of the very pedestrian document of the Royal Warrant of 1906 granting British Columbia its arms. It was a tremendous effort all round and I am proud to have been associated with such an imaginative, capable and hard-working group.

With the approach of Expo '86 when community celebrations throughout B.C. will be "beefed up" as a consequence of the world's fair, we must continue our efforts to encourage the use of good municipal and corporate heraldry. This means priority being given to the production of our "Guide for Municipalities".

Hosting the Annual General Meeting in Vancouver was a sign of our strength. Our aim must be to lead the way nationally in the desire to see more Canadian heraldry developed and used in every appropriate sphere.

NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING DISCUSSES BRANCHES AND CHAPTERS



The second Chapter meeting of 1983 was held in at the Chairman's home in North Vancouver on Sunday, November 27th. The following members attended:

Irene Alexander, Bill Amos, Tony de Cosson, Ron Crawley, Dick Danby, Allan Davis, Kathy Kew, Marvin Manuel, Terry McCullough, Murray Mitchell, Laurie Patten, Bob Thompson, Robb Watt, Fritz Zeigler.

During the business meeting which followed lunch, members reviewed the organization and results of the September HSC meeting and spent considerable time planning for the creation of B.C. Branches and a provincial Chapter under the terms of the new by-law. The key provisions of this by-law stipulate that Branches and Chapters may be formed by Charter issued by the HSC Board upon application to the Society. Such Charters for Branches must be applied for by five or more members and only one

Branch will be authorized in any one city, town, regional district and so on. Five or more Branches may apply, in similar fashion for a Chapter Charter. With this in mind the meeting agreed that as a first step, five branches would be petitioned for, paving the way for reconstituting the Chapter. Since the by-law requires that branches and chapters meet at least once a year, the geographical proximity of members is a factor of some importance. On this basis, it was also agreed that the five branches to be petitioned for first would be:

1. Victoria (including Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt);
2. Central Vancouver Island (including Nanaimo, Duncan, Courtenay, Campbell River);
3. Vancouver (including Richmond and Burnaby);
4. North Shore (North and West Vancouver);
5. Fraser Valley West (including Surrey, Abbotsford, Langley Coquitlam and Port Moody).

Recognizing that these are a number of active Chapter members living in the Interior it was felt that these colleagues should be invited to affiliate themselves with one of the above five branches until it became practical to set up a South Central or North Central Interior Branch.

It was also agreed that the Chairman would approach Victoria member John Goult to prepare the format for petitioning for a Branch together with an appropriate set of branch by-laws. John Goult has very kindly agreed to accept this job. The results will be presented to the May 12th meeting of the National Board of Directors. The text of the petition is reproduced below. Copies of the constitution and by-laws will be available in Nanaimo for collection by members. The next issue of The Blazon will contain the full texts.

TEXT OF THE PETITION

The Secretary
The Heraldry Society of Canada

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, being active members of The Heraldry Society of Canada, hereby apply to the Board of Directors of the Society (pursuant to the provisions of Article XXI of the By-laws) for a Charter incorporating them as "The Heraldry Society of Canada - La Societe Heraldique du Canada, (Victoria) Branch".

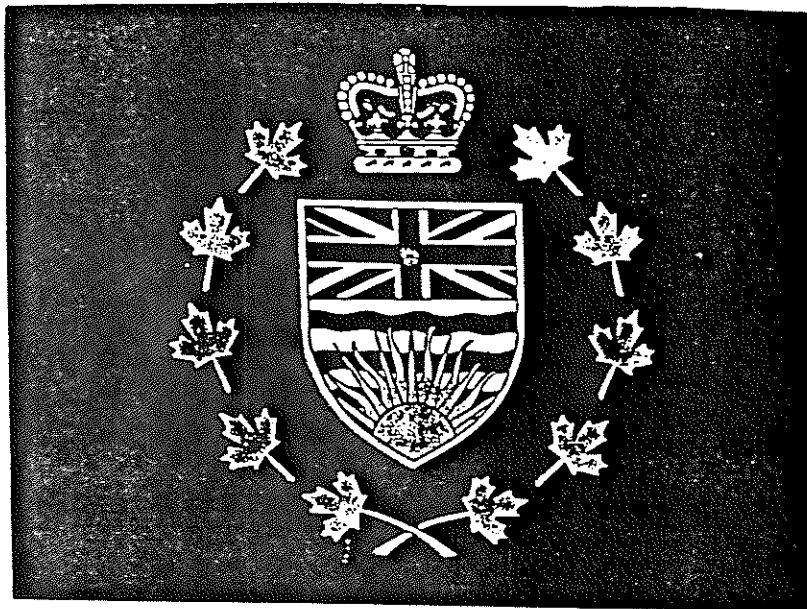
The undersigned undertake to be bound by, to observe and, where necessary, to perform those things required by Article XXI of the By-laws of the Society to be observed and performed.

A draft Constitution and By-laws which the undersigned propose to adopt as the Constitution and By-laws of the Branch is enclosed for approval by the Board.

Yours truly,

The meeting also considered the question of producing the "Guide to Municipalities" - whose text has already been drafted by Graham Anderson. It was agreed that Murray Mitchell and Irene Alexander would contact Graham to discuss the next stages of the work.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



The Society was honoured by the presence of the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs Rogers on two occasions at the September meeting, and it is now our great pleasure to welcome the Lieutenant Governor as a member. Hopefully, he will be able to join the new Victoria Branch as well.

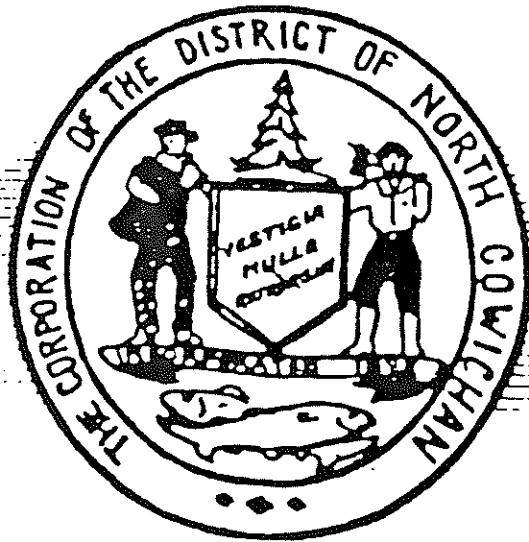
We are delighted also to introduce other new members, many of whom joined after learning about the Society because of the publicity surrounding the September meeting.

Dorothy A. Barford, Vancouver
Col. Graham F. Blyth, Richmond
Sir Robert Cave-Brown-Cave, Vancouver
Lt. Col. K.G. Chisholm, West Vancouver
Allan M. Davis, Burnaby
Ms. Arlene Halme, Victoria
Stuart J. McDonald, West Vancouver
James McPherrin, Victoria
David Watson, Vancouver
Garnet Weston, Burnaby
Consul-General Fritz A. Ziegler, Vancouver and Langley
Bryan Hermans, Washington State

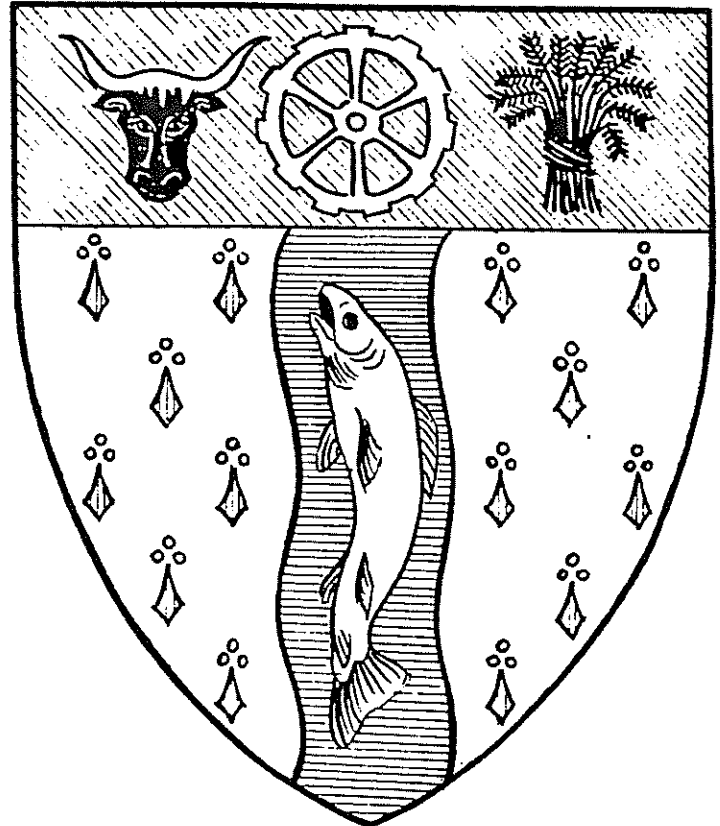
BRITISH COLUMBIA VISITATION

Thanks to Graham Anderson, Laurie Patten and Irene Alexander we begin a new feature with this issue - a British Columbia visitation. The idea is to record municipal symbols presently in use and where these are not lawfully granted or at least heraldically correct arms, to propose changes. In this way, as Messrs Anderson and Patten noted in September, we can combine important archival functions with a drive towards a Canadian heraldic authority and Canadian heraldry. Their first proposal deals with present symbolism and new arms for a South Vancouver Island community.

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH COWICHAN



Present Seal



Proposed Arms

AN ARMORIAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH COWICHAN

All members of our Society are painfully aware of the number of cities, towns, municipal and corporate bodies still using assumed "coats of arms", unattractive logos or pseudo armorial devices. One way of rectifying this situation might be to design heraldically correct achievements, show these to a corporate body and try in this way to interest them in registering these achievements in the proper way. It was with this in mind that the writer has designed arms for North Cowichan and offers them to the membership through The Blazon in the hope that readers will make comments and, perhaps, feel inclined to do the same for some city or municipality with which they may have contacts.

In the proposed arms for North Cowichan Canadian Fur has been chosen as the field colour. If adopted this will be the first time this recently designed fur has been used. Canadian Fur is a variation on ermine and it could become a distinctively Canadian contribution to the art of heraldry.

In it the field is Argent and the tails Gules - our national colours. Incidentally, Mr Laurie Patten of Nanaimo has suggested that its reverse form, Gules with tails Argent should be called Fur Canadian and this seems to be a useful suggestion inasmuch as one cannot really call it Canadian Fur counterchanged since the tails of a fur should not be considered as charges.

To return to North Cowichan, the pale wavy Azure charged with a Chinook salmon proper is intended as a reference to the Cowichan River which lies to the south of the municipality.

The chief is Vert, a reminder of the green fields of the Cowichan valley. The bull's head caboshed between two garbs all Or are obvious references to the agriculture which has for so long been the basis of the economy. Hence it is no accident that they are Gold. The cog wheel acknowledges the part increasingly played by industry in the North Cowichan economy.

So much for the arms. For mantling I am suggesting a lining of Canadian Fur throughout with the dexter side Vert and the sinister Azure. These colours are repeated in the wreath. As a crest the suggestion would be to form it from two axes saltirewise proper, an obvious reference to the logging which, although it has moved further afield today, was once the basis of the economy and is still of great importance to the area. The axes are set within a circlet of dogwood flowers proper and garbs Or, the latter taken from the arms themselves. For a motto I am suggesting "in sun and shade we prosper" or, if one prefers the Latin version, "Sub sole sub umbra crescens".

For your consideration and comments then, we have the following:

THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH COWICHAN

- Arms: Canadian fur, on a pale wavy Azure a Chinook salmon Hauriant proper. On a chief Vert a cog wheel Or between in dexter a bull's head caboshed and in sinister a garb of the last.
- Crest: On a wreath Argent, Azure and Vert within a circlet of garbs Or and dogwood flowers proper, two double-bladed axes saltirewise their blades upwards proper.
- Mantling: Dexter, Vert doubled Canadian fur and sinister, Azure doubled also Canadian fur.
- Motto: Sub sole sub umbra crescens. (In sun and shade we prosper)

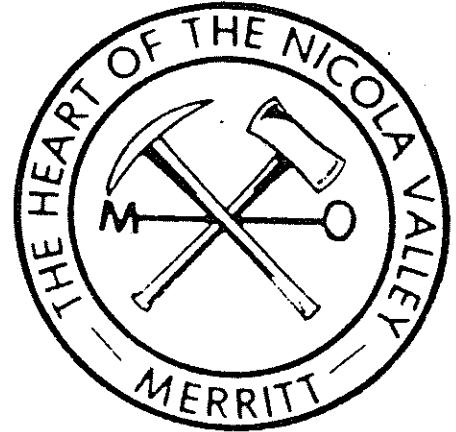
G.L. Anderson

NEWSNOTES

The adoption and use of good heraldry continues, at least in the southern part of British Columbia. Among recent noteworthy developments:

City of Merritt

City Council passed a motion March 13th, 1984 for preparation of a by-law incorporating the recommendations of a civic heraldry committee. The report recommends adoption of a coat of arms, civic flag and civic banner. The arms are "Vert a sun in glory Or"; the crest is "On a wreath vert and or a circlet of Maple Leaves Gules and Dogwood Flowers". The dexter supported is a Coyote rampant guardant proper and the sinister a lynx rampant proper. The compartment is a grassy mound with two low rounded mountains, one on either side of the shield. The mantling is vert doubled or and the motto "FLOURISH UNDER THE SUN".



The Merritt city flag, five units wide and three deep, is per fess or and vert in the canton the arms of the city.

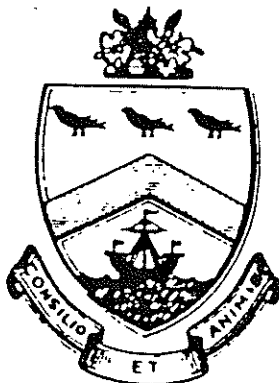
The Merritt City banner is squared; Per fess or and vert, In chief the arms of the city in base the arms of the city fimbriated or. Present seal of the City of Merritt

St. George's School, Vancouver

Thanks to Chapter members, Terry and Frank McCullough, St. George's School has become the second private school in the Province to receive a lawful grant of arms. (The first was Shawnigan Lake School, 1981.) The grant to St. George's is unusual in that the petitioners are the three McCullough sons; Brendan (1976) Johnathan (1977) and Michael (1984) all alumni of the school. The arms will be Argent a cross gules in the canton a maple leaf of the second all within a bordure of the first. The crest will be St. George and the dragon.

Municipality of West Vancouver

The Council of the Municipality passed a motion 17 October 1983 that the Municipality petition the College of Arms for a grant. Their desire is to have lawfully granted arms in place by 1987, in time for West Vancouver's 75th anniversary celebrations. The committee which will oversee the work is composed of Mayor Derrick Humphreys, Municipal Clerk J.D. Allan and R.D. Watt. It seems likely that the final design will be close to the one assumed in 1936 following a public contest.



HERALDIC SITES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

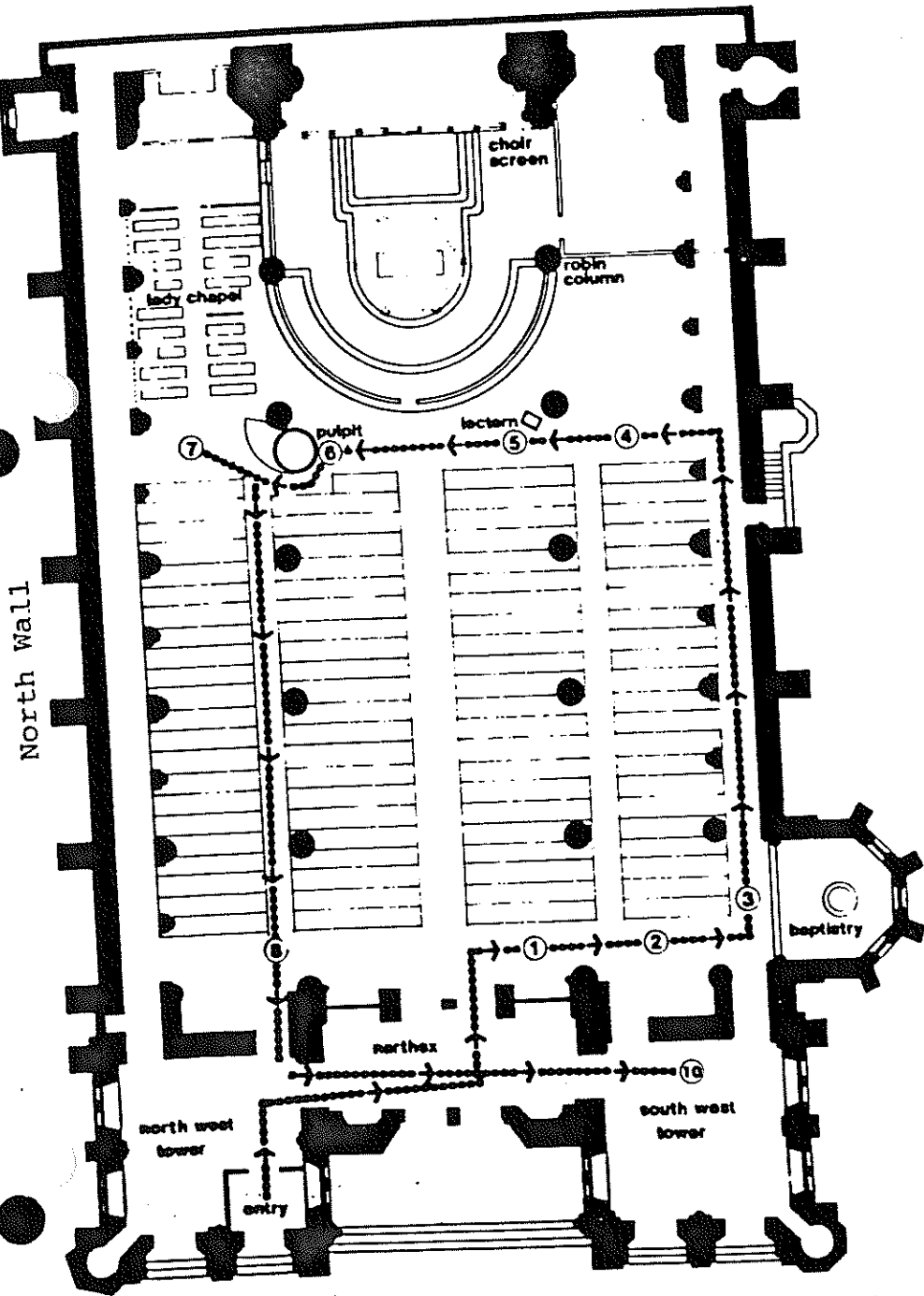
No. 10. Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria

One of the richest single sites in the Province, this Cathedral Church of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia, consecrated in 1929, contains many beautiful heraldic memorials in stained glass, stone and wood.

Over the porch door of the Northwest Tower are carved the impaled arms of the Diocese of London (England) and of the Right Reverend, the Right Honourable A.F.E. Ingram, Bishop of London in the 1920's who laid the foundation stone of the present Church in 1926.

On the north wall as you enter are three windows. In the base of the first two are the arms of the Diocese of British Columbia (in memorials to Archbishop H.E. Sexton and Bishop C. de V. Schofield. The third memorial window, to A.F.W. Ingram, Bishop of London carries the arms of the Diocese of London. In the main sanctuary, the last window on the north wall featuring the figure of St. Matthias, carries the arms of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Below the rose window in the west wall are seven lights. Three of these contain shields; the arms of the Diocese of Honan, China, the Diocese of Lahor (Kangra) India, and the Diocese of Jerusalem. Passing down the south wall, beginning near the altar are windows featuring the arms of the Diocese of Kootenay (St. Luke window); arms of the Diocese of New Westminster (St. Gregory); arms of St. Augustine's Canterbury (Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury); arms of Wilfred of York and Diocese of Caledonia (Wilfred of York); arms of Cambridge



Floor Plan of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria

University, Jesus College and Canterbury and Cranmer impaled (Thomas Cranmer); and the arms of St. David's, Bath, Wells and London with Canterbury and Laud, impaled and the arms of the Diocese of British Columbia (William Laud).

In addition to the windows are the arms of the Diocese and the Cathedral on the Bishop's and Dean's chairs. Carved in wood on the pulpit are the arms of the Dioceses of Canterbury and British Columbia.

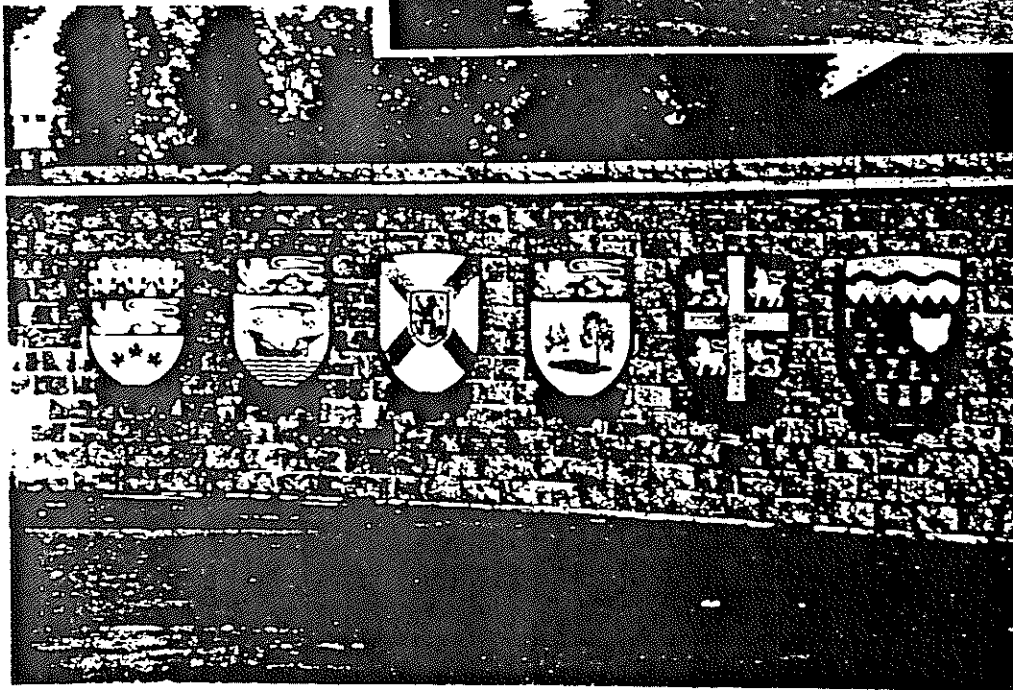
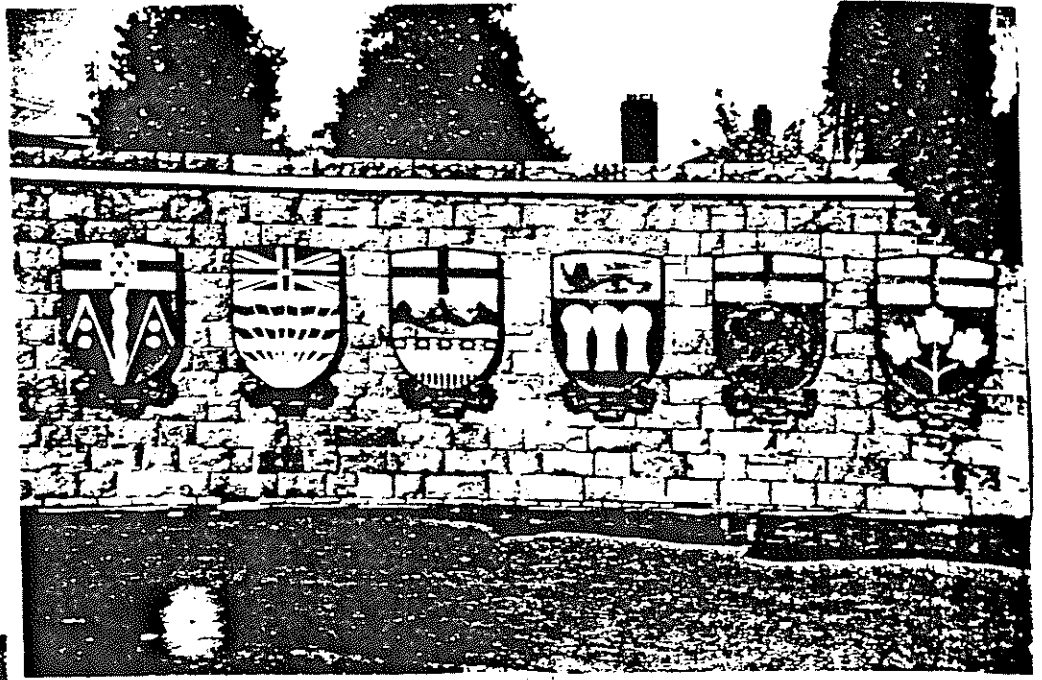
Extracts from The Traditional and Modern Stained Glass Windows of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria and Self-Guide for Visitors to Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria.

Christ Church
Cathedral,
Victoria



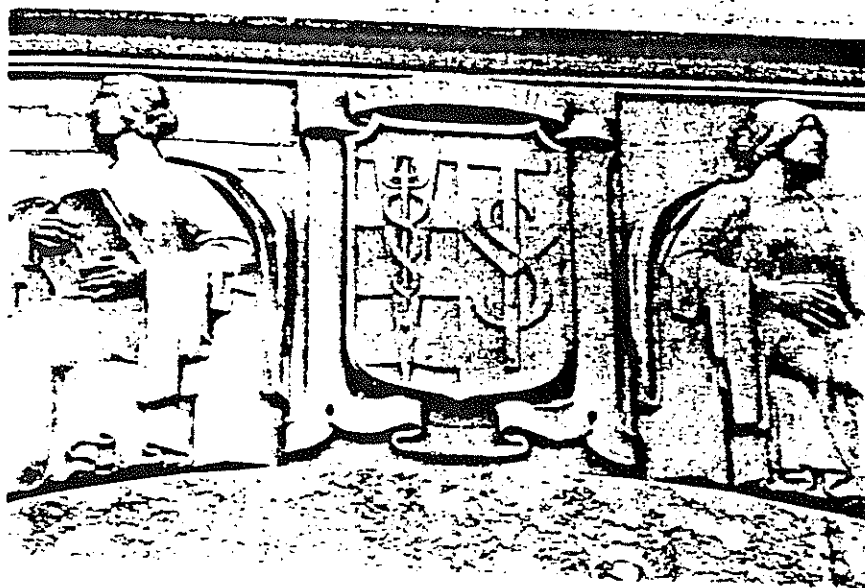
No. 11. Confederation Garden, Victoria

This is a splendid reminder of how beautiful the national and provincial arms can be when grouped together. A beautiful memorial of the nation's centennial, the garden was designed and built on a site just west of the Legislative Buildings by the Provincial Capital Commission. The arms are designed in bold relief, cast in bronze and enamelled. The national arms, shown in full achievement are particularly striking.



Views of Confederation Garden, Victoria

No. 12. Vancouver Technical School (2600 East Broadway, Vancouver)



Impaled arms of City of Vancouver, monogram of Vancouver Technical School, Charles Marega, artist 1928.

The celebrated designer of the Lions Gate Bridge Lions and numerous other sculptures in Vancouver, Charles Marega, designed five arms for the facade of this important school which opened on 30 November 1928. The arms are Canada, Great Britain, City of Vancouver, British Columbia. Most interesting, the central shield contains the arms of Vancouver impaled with a plain coat ornamented with the monogram VST. Above the shield is the School's motto, "Semper Sursum".

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON HERALDIC RECORDS

Many of the documents which relate to the heraldic history of the Province and Territory are very difficult to locate. In this issue we begin a new series which will reproduce the full text of important heraldic records.

No. 1. Royal Warrant Granting Arms to British Columbia, 1906

Edward the Seventh by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, To our Right Trusty and Right Entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor Henry Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and our Hereditary Marshal of England, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Greeting:

Whereas by virtue of and under the Authority of an Act of Parliament passed in the Thirtieth year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria entitled the British North America Act 1867, it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for The Queen by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on addresses from the Houses of Parliament of Canada and of the Legislature of the Colony of British Columbia to admit The Colony of British Columbia into the Union or Dominion of Canada: And whereas The Queen did by an Order in the Privy Council bearing date the sixteenth day of May One thousand eight-hundred and seventy one declare ordain and command that from and after the twentieth day of July following the said Colony of British Columbia should be admitted into and become part of the Dominion of Canada.

AND forasmuch as it is Our Royal Will and pleasure that for the greater honour and distinction of the said Province of British Columbia certain Armorial Ensigns should be assigned thereto:

KNOW YE therefore that We of Our Princely Grace and Special Favour have granted and assigned and by these Presents grant and assign for The Province of British Columbia the Armorial Ensigns following that is to say "Argent three Bars wavy Azure issuant from the base a demi Sun in splendour proper on a Chief the Union Device charged in the centre point with an Antique Crown Or, as the same are in the painting hereunto annexed more plainly depicted to be borne for the said Province on Seals, Shields, Banners, Flags or otherwise according to the Laws of Arms.

Our will and pleasure therefore is that you Henry, Duke of Norfolk 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 in order that Our Officers of Arms and all other Public Functionaries whom it may concern may take full notice and have knowledge thereof in their several and respective departments: And for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

GIVEN at Our Court at St. James's the Thirty first day of March 1906, in the Sixth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command

(signed) Elgin

From Record held at British
Columbia Provincial Archives,
Victoria, B.C.

EX LIBRIS

In response to requests from several members we are publishing the first two lists of heraldry reference books kindly supplied by Irene Alexander and Tony de Cosson. Loan arrangements will be outlined by these owners on request.

Ex Libris: Irene Alexander

1. "Canadian Heraldry" by Lt. Cdr. Alan B. Beddoe, F.H.S.C. published by Mika Publishing Company.
2. "An Introduction to Heraldry for Canadians" by G.L. van Koughnett, B.Sc., M.B.A.
3. "Canada: Symbols of Sovereignty" by Conrad Swan, York, published by University of Toronto Press.
4. "Simple Heraldry"
"Blood Royal" by Iain Moncreiffe and Don Pottinger, published
"Simple Custom" by Thomas Nelson & Sons.
5. "Irish Families" by Edward MacLysaght, published by Crown Publishers Inc., N.Y.
6. "Scot's Heraldry" by Thomas Innes of Learney (1934), and
"Scot's Heraldry" by Sir Thomas Innes of Learney (1956) both published by Oliver and Boyd, Edinburgh and London.
7. "Boutell's Heraldry" Edited and Revised by S.T. Aveling, published by Frederick Warne & Co., 1891.
8. "Boutell's Heraldry" Revised by J.P. Brooke-Little, Richmond, published by Frederick Warne & Co., 1970.
9. "The Manual of Heraldry" - A Dictionary of Terms, etc. 1866, published by Virtue Brothers & Co. (7th Edition)

10. "Heraldry in England" by Anthony Wagner, Richmond, published by King Penguin Books, 1949.
11. "Heraldry, Ancestry and Titles" by L.G. Pine, published by Gramercy, New York, 1965.
12. "Heralds and Ancestors" by Sir Anthony Wagner, Garter Principal King of Arms, published by British Museum Publications 1978.
13. "Heraldic Design" by Heather Child, 1965, published by G. Bell and Sons, London.
14. "Christian Symbols" - Ancient and Modern by Heather Child and Dorothy Colles, published by Bell & Hyman 1971.
15. "The Pageant of Heraldry" by Col. H.C.B. Rogers, O.B.E., published by Seeley Service & Co.
16. "The Heraldic Imagination" by Rodney Dennys, 1975, published by Barrie & Jenkins Ltd., London.
17. "Shield & Crest" by Julian Franklyn, 1967, published by MacGibbon & Kee, London.
18. "Heraldic Design" by Hubert Allcock, 1962, published by Tudor Publishing Co., N.Y.
19. "Motley Heraldry" by The Fool of Arms - edited by C.W. Scott-Giles and published by Tabard Publications Ltd., London.

Ex Libris: Tony de Cosson

1. "Libro d'Oro della Nobilta Italiana" Vol VII 1926-32, published by Collegio Araldico-Roma 1931.
2. "Armorial de la Noblesse du Perigord" Vol. I & II by A. de Froidefond de Boulajac, published by Imprimerie de la Dordogne, 1891.
3. "Addition & Corrections a L'Armorial du Perigord" by le Comte de Saint-Saud, published by La Societe Historique et Archeologique du Perigord, 1930.
4. "Essais Genealogiques Perigourains" by le Comte de Saint-Saud, published by Librairie G. Saffroy, 1934.
5. "Indicateur du grand Armorial General de France - Recueil officiel dresse en verbe de L'Edit de 1696" by Ch. D'Hozier, published by Librairie Nobiliaire 1865.
6. "Armorial du Bordeais" Vols I & II by Pierre Meller, published by H. Champion, Paris, 1906.
7. "Nobilaire de Guienue et de Gascogne" Vols I, II & III by M. O'Gilroy, published by Dumoilin, Paris, 1858.
8. "Armorial General" by J.N. Rietstap, Vols I & II, (Precede d'un Dictionnaire de terms du Blason), published by G.B. Van Goor Zonen, Gouda.
9. "Debrett's Peerage, etc", 1956.