

## Coat of Arms

The Coat-of-Arms was prepared for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward from a concept that blended themes from the County's geography, economy and history with particular emphasis on its Loyalist heritage.

## Our Motto

**BLESSED BY NATURE, ENRICHED BY MAN -- LOYALLY FOUNDED, LOYALLY BUILT**

## Shield

Using the red, white and blue of the Union Jack of the Loyalist era, the County corporation is symbolized by a Loyalist civil coronet of gold, encircled by ten gold ears of barley, one for each of the seven townships and three communities. Barley was the chief grain crop and the foundation of the County's agricultural prosperity in the 19th century. The barley ears also provide a historic link to the County's first symbol, the grain stalk on the County seal. As well as the political symbolism, the shield features a geographic allusion to "Quinte's Isle", with the wavy frame of silver and blue for Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte.

## Crest

(Above the shield) rising above a chaplet of maple leaves and trillium flowers, the gold lion of the Empire bears a collar of red roses and blue fleur de lys. From this hangs a long cross symbolizing the various Christian denominations that established missions and churches in the County as early as the 17th century with the "Kente" mission. The churches continue as an important element in the County's architectural heritage and community life.

## Supporters

The men and women who have built and continue to build and preserve the County are represented by Loyalist settlers in period dress. The man holds a plow, a symbol of industry and, also, another element appearing on the original County seal. The woman holds a cornucopia, traditional symbol of prosperity featuring typical local products: corn, tomatoes, peas and pumpkins. The compartment on which they stand is composed of a grassy field of dunes of sand, the latter referring to the natural beauty and recreational lands of the County.



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