Court of the Lord Lyon—Heraldry for Home-schoolers



Birds 3: WATER CREATURES



This is really about FISH today but if I say that the whale is a fish, you will all shout, "NO! The whale is a mammal," so "water creatures" it is, in order to include fresh-water creatures as well as sea creatures.



On the left we have a spouting whale.

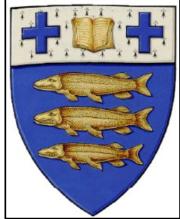
On the right we have mussels



These mussels have pearls in



The three pikes on the right are known as GEDS in heraldry and this the coat of arms of a man called GEDDES. This is called "canting arms" when the symbols seem to "sing out" the name of the owner.





A tasty cod from the arms of the Bank of Nova Scotia Vo;. 50 fol. 104.



These three turbots on the left are another example of CANTING ARMS as the owner is a Miss TORBET. The motto is clever too—adapted from psalm 81 "Sing we merrily unto God."

We know it is a lady because the diamond-shaped shield is often used for ladies.

On the right we see the great Poseideon, the sea god with his trident, and a dolphin at his feet.



