

RUTHENIAN CLERICAL ORGAN IS ELATED OVER ELECTIONS

Ruthenians Can Now Force "Very Important Concessions" — Sas- katchewan and Alberta Govern- ments Are Warned to Take Lesson to Themselves.

The Canadian Ruthenian, a local Catholic weekly printed in Ruthenian and under the direct control of Bishop Budka, comments as follows upon the result of the Manitoba elections:

"The elections are over. It is now time to review at close range the campaign and its results. It is time now to draw conclusions and obtain pointers for our further political activities. **Decisions and national propaganda**, not alone in Manitoba, but in the other provinces of the Dominion, in fact, wherever there exists a group of our people.

"The dominant note now that the elections are over is one of joy, and especially is there amongst the Ruthenians a sincere satisfaction at Sir Rodmond's return to power despite an unusually hard fight.

"The victory of the Roblin government, which is favorable to us, and which we assisted this time with all our powers, being convinced that Sir Rodmond's victory would be at the same time our victory, marks the downfall of the opposition, which is an **enemy and one dangerous to our national existence.**

"As we know, the question was not a simple one. On the one hand, the opposition carried on incessantly a fanatical agitation. It endeavored to influence the minds of the electors with all sorts of demagogic cries, including nation-**al**, religious and jingoistic appeals. It spent a tremendous amount of money on the elections.

May Gain Concessions.

"On the other hand, the government of Sir Rodmond Roblin ignored entirely the fanatical and dishonest campaign of the opposition. It did not offer to the electors any platform whatever, evidently believing that the best platform for a government is its past record. But the government overestimated its powers and its opponents gained a large number of seats. The government was retained in power with but a small majority.

"That the government of Sir Rodmond Roblin was returned is a cause of great satisfaction to us Ruthenians, and without undue self-conceit we can say that the government owes its retention of power in this province in a **very great measure to the Ruthenians.** This is admitted by all the newspapers, both English and foreign.

"There can be no doubt that this fact is something of great value to us. If we contrive to be tactful with the new legislature and promote unity and discretion amongst ourselves, we shall be able to **gain very important concessions for our nationality** in Manitoba. The Manitoba elections and their consequences have great importance not only for the Ruthenians of Manitoba, but for all our compact groups anywhere in the Dominion.

"The self-confidence of our people throughout Canada will be greatly increased, and they will be taught the unified action on their part can lead to their playing a very important role in the politics and development of certain Canadian provinces. Besides it will **teach some of our "friends,"** for instance those in Saskatchewan and Alberta, that it is dangerous to underestimate the Ruthenian element."

The Pas Disgrace.

"From The Voice, Winnipeg:
In view of the events in Le Pas this week, about the only thing which can now save the political face of this province will be the refusal of Dr. Orok to accept the seat.

Just how the disappearance of the Liberal candidate has been brought about is immaterial. The public may be told one story or another, it will not make much difference anyway, the belief will be held on all hands that a master stroke of political crookedness has been carried out.

The government will indeed exhibit that madness which is the work of the gods when they have marked for destruction if it attempts to stop its ears to the voice of reason and conscience. When a government gets a solar plexus blow from the electors it can itself add the finishing touches by grabbing wildly and committing excesses. There are not many people in the province who are willing to stand for any further political degradation.

This vicious climax to an election which divided the parties nearly evenly ought to spoil the end of the practice of holding deferred elections up the sleeve. The intent behind the apparent necessity of postponing the elections in the large sparsely settled districts has always been a crooked one by all the governments who have gained thereby. Political virtue is not equal to the strain which is imposed upon it by such temptation in this province.