

# BISHOP BUDKA IS SOUNDLY RATED AT YORKTON MEETING

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**Action in Calling Upon Ukrainians  
to Take Part in War Strongly  
Denounced.**

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**Told He Has Forgotten His Duty  
—Letter Described as Insult  
to British Empire.**

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(Free Press Special.)

Yorkton, Sask., Aug. 7.—A public meeting was held at the town hall on Thursday evening, which had been called by the mayor to consider the manifesto issued by Bishop Budka, of the Greek Catholic church, calling the Canadian Ukrainians to return to Austria and to take such action as may be deemed expedient. A number of the Roman Catholic clergy were present and the letter of Bishop Budka, which appeared in the Free Press on Aug. 4, was publicly read to the meeting by Father Schonhart, and his fellow clergymen were present to show their interest in the object of the meeting and claimed that Austria had the same right to call her people from Canada as England would have

in calling her own people for purposes of national defence and pleaded for toleration in the present crisis.

### Dr. Patrick Speaks Out.

Dr. Patrick moved a resolution in which he declared that there is not and never will be a Canadian Ukraine in this country. He believed the bishop had no right, as bishop of an important branch of the Christian church in Canada, to give force and sanction to his action as a political agent of a foreign country with whom he should have reason to believe the British empire and, therefore Canada, might be at war, and the action which Bishop Budka advised Ruthenians to take, if taken by many of them, would be in violation of the oath of allegiance taken by them when they became naturalized as British subjects in Canada.

### Should Get Out.

If the bishop was correctly reported, the doctor strongly asserted that there was no room for him in Canada. He had forgotten his duty to the country in which he lives. If the report was incorrect, an apology was due to him from the Manitoba Free Press as the letter was an appeal to every Austrian to forget his naturalization, for once in Canada he is a British subject.

J. E. Peaker said, in seconding, that he hoped everyone will unite in stamping out this Ukrainian sentiment and let all be governed with a whole Canadian idea. The letter was the height of ingratitude, and an insult to the British empire. All nations alike enjoy the privileges of this country, and every citizen should be loyal to her.

Father Delaire, who is a Belgian, and several Ruthenians followed, emphasizing the statement that Ukrainians are as much Canadians as any other people in the Dominion. It may be a duty of foreigners to return to their country to protect their families and other property, but certainly not to fight against England.