

RUTHENIAN MEETING REPUDIATES BUDKA

Members of Russian Orthodox Church Are Prepared to Enter Army.

A large mass meeting of Russians who have emigrated from Austria, and many of whom are now citizens of Canada, was held in the parochial school on Manitoba avenue on Sunday afternoon. While those that gathered were in reality former Austrian and German subjects, inasmuch as they come from Galicia and eastern Prussia, they characterize themselves as Russians. The meeting was called to consider the recent call issued in all Ruthenian newspapers.

The meeting was characterized by outbursts of loyalty to the British crown, and, although many of those present were not British subjects, because of the short time they have been in Canada, all declared their readiness to take active service in England's cause.

Denounce Bishop Budka

After a long discussion, the meeting framed the following declarations and resolutions: "That we, the Russian Orthodox immigrants, have nothing whatsoever to do with Bishop Budka, and that, as a Christian and head of the Ruthenian Roman Catholic church, he has no moral right in attempting to inspire the subjects of one Christian nation to make war on those of another."

"By his pastoral letter, Bishop Budka has misrepresented us before our fellow citizens of Great Britain. Although we left Austria to come to Canada, many of us have, since our arrival, taken the oath of Canadian citizenship, in which we swore to be loyal subjects of his Majesty King George V."

Resolutions Adopted

"Therefore we adopt the following resolutions:

"That we wish to express in the name of all the Russian Orthodox immigrants through the English press our loyalty to Great Britain."

"We are prepared to give our lives for the defence of Great Britain and her king."

"We denounce Bishop Budka for his disloyalty to Great Britain, and also denounce the Ruthenian papers for publishing the call which he issued."