

## SOURCE OF THEIR COURAGE

People in our midst wonder at the nerve of Bishop Bucka, and they express surprise at the publication in our city of the kaiser's call to arms. Why? A man named P. Karmansky was appointed as a teacher in the Brandon Ruthenian Training School last summer. He had been in Manitoba only a few weeks and was unable to speak English. There appeared at the same time in this city a Ruthenian organ called "Canada," published in the building where are housed the Provincial Police Department and the Provincial License Department as well as other government offices. The first issue of this paper contained a large photograph of a political knight, and a sketch of his "career." It also contained government advertisements. A political organizer was advertised as the president of the publishing company. Karmansky was one of the contributors and here is some of the stranger's stuff:

"The Ukrainian people withstood numerous hordes of Mongolian races—Magyars, Tartars, Turks, etc. They remained intact from the psycho-physical and linguistic points of view. Despite all the century-long efforts of Russians, Poles and Magyars to assimilate the Ruthenians, they did not succeed.

"Even such measures to achieve it as jails, deportations to Siberia and bayonets did not bring about the desired results. What was for centuries and is impossible for those guardians of ours to achieve in Europe will surely be impossible for the Canadian Liberals. . . .

"The Liberals may proclaim a crusade on all the non-English nationalities, especially on the Galicians; they may insinuate that our people are savages and less civilized than the Indians, civilized by Englishmen; they may close down our schools and disperse our teachers; they may state on every page of their Free Press, and other papers, that they will not rest till they have utterly exterminated our nationality, which means not until they have changed all our settlers into English; they may speak ill of our girls, and even give them into the hands of 'cowboys' appointed as teachers in our schools, to satisfy their animal passions—all this disappears under the catching and beautiful name: Liberals."

This individual, Karmansky evidently thought it was his business to attack Canadian citizenship and Canadian nationality. He went so far as to refer to English-speaking Canadians as "foreigners." We quote from one of his articles:

"Foreigners are spitting in our eyes, are doing with us as they please, shutting our children out of our schools, doing away with our mother tongue—and we have to submit to it in silence."

Karmansky declared that the destiny of the Ruthenians of Canada was to found an independent nation, and he threatened that if the Ruthenians were interfered with in fulfilling that destiny there would be war.

"We came to Canada not for the purpose of being the dirt beneath the feet of other nations or to be slaves to the ruling nationality and to be submerged in the English sea. We look for an opportunity to live like one of the many independent Canadian nations, untied by the idea of a common all-Canadian welfare. We can Canadianize ourselves only to that point. Beyond that we will not move one step. . . .

"We will find in free Canada either that which is refused to us by the Poles, Russians and Hungarians; either we will be sincere Canadians and help to build the temple of all-Canadian welfare, or we will proclaim war for the purpose of preserving our life. One or the other."

Karmansky was described by a minister of the Crown as "working with self-sacrifice."

It is not inopportune to call attention to this matter at this time. We must face facts, and show how the Budkas were permitted to cultivate the "nerve" to speak as they have done at a critical time in the nation's history. Britain and Canada are the most tolerant countries in the world, but **THERE IS A LIMIT**. Men who come here to better themselves, and live under our fair and just laws, are welcome, but men who come here to abuse privileges and insult our citizenship are not welcome.

It is time for the genuine Canadians, of whatever origin, to resolve for a new deal in the politics of the country, and stop the miserable grovelling

and catering of political bosses to this and that interest and section inimical to Canadian nationality and Canada's highest interests.

This is the time—the best time—to draw attention to the cheapness with which some men—even those favored with titles—have regarded Canadian citizenship, and the encouragement given to the perpetuation of the archaic ideas imported from foreign, miserably governed lands. And why have the authorities in this land forgotten their duties and their sacred oath to guard well British-Canadian interests? The answer comes quickly: Simply for the sake of a few votes, purchased at the sacrifice of honor.

The indictment is clear and true. It leaves no room for extended discussion. This is the time to make the indictment in the interest of Canadian ideals and Canadian nationality.

The Karmanskys and the Budkas, and others we might mention must be given to understand that this is CANADA. All men may live here in the enjoyment of great liberty and great privileges, but they must also understand that there is a meaning to the flag that flies over the Dominion and that the Canadian people demand that it be respected and that Canadian citizenship is of vastly more importance than the success or defeat of any party political clique.