

**BISHOP BUDKA: Statement that he
Has Applied for Naturalization—A
Duly Ordained Bishop.**

To the Editor of The Tribune:

Dear Sir:—In the intemperate speech of the Liberal member for St. Clements, reported in yesterday's Tribune, it was stated that Bishop Budka was not a bishop, and other charges were made against him.

Bishop Budka is a duly ordained bishop of the Catholic church, just as much as the Archbishop of St. Boniface or the Archbishop of Toronto. He has engaged in no disloyal crusade against Canada or the British empire since coming to this country, but on the contrary has done his best to enlighten his Ruthenian co-religionists concerning their duty to the country of their adoption, as may be seen from the Ruthenian Catholic calendar for 1916, of which he is the editor, and in which not one single disloyal word can be found. Moreover, he has taken the oath of allegiance to the British crown and has applied for naturalization papers as a Canadian citizen, but was told that this cannot be granted until after the close of the war.

The lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, Prime Minister Norris, the Hon. Dr. Thorton, and Prime Minister Scott of Saskatchewan, have in their possession documents which prove how earnestly Bishop Budka has labored to attach his Ruthenian flock to the land of their adoption. He has received not one cent from the Ottawa or the Austrian government to print his paper. He has taken no instructions from any Austrian consul here or in the United States since the war broke out. While in the United States a year ago for his health, he had no communication whatever with any Austrian consul there.

Trusting that you will give this denial the same prominence that you gave to the charges.

Yours truly,

THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY OF MANITOBA.