

WINNIPEG VETERANS OBJECT TO BISHOP.

Winnipeg, April 25.—The Great War Veterans, through their association, are bringing every pressure to bear upon Ottawa to secure the deportation from Canada of Bishop Budka, head of the Ruthenian church in Western Canada.

Vice-President Newton has issued a statement declaring that every constitutional step possible is being taken by the Great War Veterans' Association to get the bishop back to Austria, and urging upon veterans the necessity of refraining from taking the matter into their individual hands and creating a situation which it is hoped to avoid.

His statements infer that a movement is afoot in some circles to force the issue, and he says it must be admitted that returned soldiers have every reason to be indignant at the laxity of the authorities. Mr. Newton reviews the activities of the bishop in the early stages of the war, and refers to announcements which appeared in the Canadian Ruthenian urging Austrians to return to the defence of the fatherland.

In conclusion, he says: "The returning soldier has no animosity towards Ruthenians who are in process of becoming good Canadian citizens, but he certainly is justified in refusing to tolerate a leader amongst the people who preaches the pernicious doctrines above described, nor does it help matters when this individual, still an alien enemy, is permitted to go where and when he pleases without being required to report to the police like other alien enemies. This is said to be a democratic country, involving administration of the law without fear or favor to bishop and layman, rich and poor, alike."