

THE ALBERTA UKRAINIANS

The date on which the manifesto issued by the executive of the "Independent Ukraine" society has a very important bearing on the propriety of the document. Members of the executive state that it was issued on the 30th of July. At that time no one could say with certainty that Great Britain would be drawn into the war which Austria had declared on Serbia two days before. This being the case, the Bulletin did these gentlemen a grave injustice in making it appear that the movement to help "the resisting movement in the Ukraine" against Russia was launched on August 30th. Further, they deny that they had any intention "to give moral and material assistance on behalf of Austria against Russia." It is plain that what is wanted is an independent Ukrainian republic. This is what they have desired for many years.

While Britain is at war, with Russia as her ally, there is no excuse for carrying on

any agitation in Canada which might embarrass the Russian government. Whether it has actually been conducted on any large scale during the past two months is something about which the public would like definite information. But it is certain that the evidence which the Bulletin has presented against the alleged signers of the manifesto is not such as to warrant any lack of confidence in them.

The Ukrainians in Canada have doubtless read Mr. Winston Churchill's speech of three weeks ago, reference to which was made in *The Journal* yesterday. He made it plain that the settlement which the British government and its Allies propose to make at the end of the present war will have as its guiding rule "the setting free of those races which have been subjugated and conquered." Only by doing so do they believe that anything like a permanent peace may be established. Such a statement means much to Ukrainians, as to all other submerged nationalities, and they have every reason to wish for the early and complete success of the powers that have pledged themselves to reconstruct Europe on this principle.