

CASE FOR THE POLES

Mayor Gray has received the following letter from Rev. L. Nandzik which is self explanatory:

Mr. Chas. Gray, Mayor of Winnipeg

Your Lordship,—Will you allow me to address you today, in the name of the Polish people of this city, which people, in the immediate past, has been confounded with and regarded as part of other elements commonly called "alien enemies." As such, they were subjected to a rather strange and even unjustifiable treatment in the hands of some admittedly irresponsible group of patriots.

I shall not discuss the maltreatment to which some Polish individuals were recently subjected, but I wish to draw the attention of the Canadian public to the position of the Polish people as a whole, as regards the common cause of the Allies, so that, in future, they may be regarded as what they really are.

Not only is the Polish nation as such recognized and warmly supported by the Allies (the Poles having helped them from a military as well as financial and moral point of view), but besides this, the Polish people in Canada in particular, have been and are officially acknowledged by the government of Canada, to be friendly to the Allied cause, and recommended to be treated, not as alien enemies but as loyal citizens of this country.

Following this official recognition the Polish Council of Canada has issued certificates which should enable

public officials and employees to distinguish Polish people from the so-called alien enemies, and which, at the same time, should protect the bearer against any possible misunderstanding.

I humbly ask Your Lordship to give this matter kind attention and even to give it full publicity, so as to ensure public order and protection of the sincere citizens of your community.

“(Signed) Rev. L. Nardzik, O.M.I.,
Officer of the Polish Council
of Canada.”

Winnipeg, Jan. 29,
Holy Ghost Church,
341 Selkirk Ave.