

CANADA MUST ACT

Hundreds, if not thousands of men, who have come to this country and taken advantage of our protection, our institutions and our free land, have left, or are attempting to leave our shores to fight against the flag of our country. We have had in this province manifestations of the bitterness of feeling among those of alien birth. Are these people, who have been rebels to our flag, and who with money, earned, perhaps, too easily in some of our government jobs, and who are even now en route to take up arms against Britain or her allies, to return—if their lives are spared—to Canada, filled, as they will be, of hatred for the emblem of our liberty? At this juncture, in justice to those who may be wavering between native land and the land of adoption, also in vindication of the strength of government and patriotism in this Dominion, the occasion demands a clear pronouncement from Premier Borden, that the man who leaves Canada to take up arms against her, forfeits all rights within the Dominion and expatriates himself, if not for all time, at least for years. If Canada is ever to have a nationality worthy the name, some such action must be taken, and without delay.

We find Bishop Budka, the Ruthenian bishop in Western Canada, speaking with ecclesiastical power, calling upon all the men of "the Canadian Ukraine" to remember their duty towards Austria. He sets forth the "duty" of all who would be liable to conscription if they had not come to Canada to return to Austria and "join the colors," all deserters, he adds, having a gracious offer of pardon extended to them if they will immediately report their readiness to go over and fight. As for those of "the Canadian Ukraine" who have made up their minds to stay in this country, proclaims the bishop in conclusion, their duty is to "help"—presumably by cash contributions.

Need anything be added to show the need for prompt reproof, if not other action, in dealing with the man who could issue such a document.

Citizens may reflect where the responsibility is to be placed for the aggressiveness amounting to impudence and worse of men of the Karamanski-Budka type.