

BISHOP BUDKA NOT DISLOYAL

Judge Wants To Dismiss Case After Hearing One Witness

Bishop N. Budka, of the Ruthenian Greek Catholic church, appeared before Judge Paterson this morning at his own request to prove that charges of disloyalty preferred against him were baseless. T. J. Murray acted as counsel for the bishop.

It had been alleged that Bishop Budka was in sympathy with enemies of Britain, but the charge was later reduced to one of failing to register and report.

Henry H. Crofts, chief clerk of the alien registry office for Manitoba, who was called as a witness, de-

clared that Bishop Budka had registered Dec. 15, 1914, but had never reported to his knowledge. Under cross-examination he said that the bishop was excused from reporting by Col. W. H. Lindsay, registrar, and had also been given permission to travel anywhere in Canada.

Judge Paterson did not wish to continue the case, but Mr. Murray, in a lengthy statement, said that the statement that Bishop Budka was disloyal had been given the widest publicity, and although he had been placed in a bad position, no apology had been made. He therefore wished the case continued.

G. L. Montelt, who conducted the case for the prosecution, said that when the case was first given him there was a lot of hypothetical evidence which would seem to substantiate the charge, but when he went into it he could not get substantiative evidence.

The case was continued this afternoon.