

postors, who looked at us sneeringly, as if to say: "We are the masters." However, the situation improved later on. Zaitzeff had introduced himself at Jaroslaw by deceiving the population and with the help of recommendations obtained from Komarnicki and Genik. He held out for two years. Wishing to make sure of this place and to establish himself as the absolute master, he took care to have the people inscribe their churches as being independent.

Speaking at a meeting, he made his plan known and proposed that the church be called "Independent-Church," using the English term, so that the people would not understand what he was about. However, he was mistaken, for when those present heard this word, they rose and exclaimed: "We do not know what you mean by 'Independent-Church'! We are Catholics, and if you do not want to be speak Ruthenian, we do not understand English. Catholic, we will have nothing to do with you." From that day on there was a veritable hubbub. Then serious accusations were brought against him for crimes that I do not care to mention here, whereby he lost the esteem even of the Protestant population of the town. He was forced to leave Yorkton and to hide himself shamefully at Hirzel, where he took a homestead, which is being cultivated by his parishioners.

Another impostor, who also wished to have a chapel inscribed as independent, used the same English expression. One of the women went immediately to her neighbor, greatly agitated, saying: "I do not know what our priest intends to do with us, he tells us to inscribe our church in the name of the devil.. The good woman on hearing the English word "Church", understood "Czort," which means "Devil" in Ruthenian.