

Immediately thereafter, Mr. T. J. Murray, Counsel for Bishop Budka, interviewed the chairman of the Alien Registration Board with a view to arranging an investigation; he also wrote Counsel for the Great War Veterans expressing a desire for an immediate and thorough enquiry, suggesting that it be conducted by a Judge, that it be made broad enough to include all relevant allegations and complaints, and that an opportunity be afforded to all who might have any accusation to make, to be heard. The communication further offered the fullest measure of co-operation with the Great War Veterans in the preparation for and conduct of the enquiry. As a consequence, arrangements were made with His Honor Judge Paterson of the County Court, Winnipeg, to commence on May 19th an enquiry under the provisions of the Dominion Order-in-Council of February 14th, 1919 (dealing with inquiries as to the propriety of directing the internment of persons of alien enemy nationality) the proceedings being based upon a formal application made by Counsel for the Great War Veterans to Judge Paterson requesting the internment of Bishop Budka. On the date set for commencing the enquiry, Winnipeg was in the throes of a general strike and an adjournment was directed. Subsequently, a further adjournment was granted at the request of the Great War Veterans. Then long vacation intervened, and it became impossible to bring on the hearing before Fall. On September 29th, no move having been made by the complainants to arrange for a hearing, Bishop Budka's Counsel applied for and obtained an appointment for October 27th. Early in May Counsel for the Bishop had requested the Great War Veterans to submit a written statement of their charges, and in reply the complaints against the Bishop were stated in writing as follows:—

1. That he has prayed for the success of the Austrian Armies.
2. That he has, at different times, made statements derogatory and prejudicial to British soldiers and likely to bring the British Armies into contempt.
3. That he has solicited and collected funds for the assistance of Galicia and Austria.
4. That he has been the agent of the Austrian Government in Canada.
5. That he has expressed his loyalty to the late Franz Joseph of Austria.
6. That he has deprecated Canadian War Bonds and has endeavored to prohibit the sale of Canadian War Bonds to Ruthenians.
7. That he has attempted to maintain the Ruthenian language to the exclusion of the English language in Ruthenian schools.
8. That he has blocked the establishment of the Ukrainian Legion for service in the British Armies.
9. That he has repeatedly expressed his sympathy, both in speech and writing, to the Austrian Government.
10. That he has broken his parole while in Canada, and United States.