

his conduct was on the other hand to be approved. I do not think it is necessary to say anything more on those charges that were perhaps serious, but why those who made the charges did not come forward and attempt to substantiate them, I do not know. So far as the investigation before me was concerned, there was no grounds shown why there should be any doubt cast upon Bishop Budka's loyalty to Canada."

It is to be sincerely hoped that these proceedings and the judgment rendered thereon, will bring to an end, once and for all time, the cruel campaign of misrepresentation which has been relentlessly waged against Bishop Budka during the past five years. It will perhaps be too much to expect, that those who have in the past been responsible for originating the many slanderous statements concerning him, will treat him honestly and fairly in the future. Animosities, based upon religious prejudice, jealousy and personal ambition, are not easily eradicated. Heretofore the traducers have relied (and not in vain) for their success upon a sensational press and upon a thoughtless public, who have been all too ready to believe ill of one, whom they have not tried to know or understand, and with whom they have not cared to sympathize. It is to be hoped that the press, and its readers, including some of our Winnipeg politicians, will learn a lesson from this experience, will in the future be honest at least with themselves, if not with Bishop Budka, and will refuse to continue to be the dupes of the self-seeking designs of his Ukrainian defamers.

It has indeed been a fortunate circumstance for Canada, and for its Ukrainian citizens, in particular, that the latter have enjoyed during the critical and strenuous period of the War, a leadership so loyal and so wise as that accorded by Bishop Budka. The pioneer Bishop of his diocese, he has met with all the discouraging difficulties which those who lead the way so often have to encounter, suspicion, indifference, dissention, intolerance, lack of assistants, and want of funds. He has given without stint, in time, energy, and ability in order that his people may remain true children of the Church, and may become worthy citizens of their adopted country. He is planting, that those who come after may reap; his hopes rest, not so much in the present adult generation, as in their children. He has proven himself indefatigable in implanting in the minds of the rising generation, a deep and lasting love for Canada, the land of their birth, an appreciation of the value of education, and an understanding of the necessity of a thorough knowledge of English, so that in the years to come, his people will occupy no secondary place in Canadian citizenship. And as he has planned and worked, so has he lived, an honest, upright, loyal, true Catholic citizen of Canada. He has been misunderstood because he and his work have not been known. When our Canadian people come to a full understanding on how well, in the interests of Canada, Bishop Budka has builded during all the time his loyalty has been suspected, then, only will they be able to appreciate his true worth. In the meantime he continues to sacrifice every personal comfort and interest, for the good of others.