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## RUSSIA NOT SO HOT

Russia is not so hot, according to the writer of the book "I Was a Soviet Worker," being the experiences of teacher in different Indian Schools Andrew Smith, a communist, who was induced to leave the umbia. I have found the plains United States with the idea of making a new home in the people to be intellectually a generland of the Soviets.

According to the story, Smith visited Russia with a Columbia Indians while I have delegation of workers and the treatment he received was found the Eastern Canadian Inso wonderful and the stories told him were so glowing much farther ahead of the plains that after a short stay in the United States he and his people. As a teacher among the wife, Mrs. Maria Smith, decided to leave for Russia to re- plains people I found them courside there permanently. How great was the disillusion- ageous and keen. In sports and all ment is gradually revealed in the course of the story of feats requiring manliness they extheir experiences told in a matter of fact manner with all a sphere higher than their parents. names and dates and certified to by documentary evi- Practically all prairie reserves can dence.

Mr. Smith had been a member of the Communist nurse or teacher from among their party in the United States for some years and had taken people. a prominent part in union and strike activities. His sym- not so well organized tribally and pathies were all with Russia and the efforts being made still hold on to customs long since there to build a Socialist state. He found, however, that scoffed at by their prairie brothers. instead of doing that they were developing a huge bureau- | Some tribes on the Pacific Coast | cracy in which the bureaucrats fattened at the expense still cling to parts of the potlatch, of the workers. Not only were conditions ten times worse feasts and gifts and bestowing honthan in any part of the United States but worse than they ever were prior to the revolution. The people were stary ing and they lived under conditions that would not be tolerated in any civilized country.

The worst feature of life in Russia at that time, three years ago, was the terrorism which prevailed everywhere, no person being allowed to express an opinion contrary to that held by the bureau on pain of possible removal or death. It was a common thing for persons to disappear and in those cases no questions were asked.

According to this biography the nucleus of a rebellion was formed, the members of the group meeting secretly either in the woods or in the home of one of their number and taking every possible precaution to avoid suspicion. Following the murder of Kirov, there was a hue and cry against oppositionists and members of the Communist Party were instructed to do their best to track them down. There was a general campaign of spying and tale bearing. The real conspirators showed themselves among the most eager to run down the offenders and took the opportunity to put the Bureau on the scent of many who had been "dirty spies and stool pigeons and crooks hanging around the factories" and had shown themselves most unscrupu- FOR SALE-Modern 6 room house. lous in trying to injure others.

If only half of what this book says is true, conditions FOR in Russia are too awful to contemplate. People die off like flies and the rankest injustice and corruption prevails everywhere. There is just a possibility that the book is cash, \$1,000 terms. not true but it reads like truth and the photographs of documents appended seem to bear this out. Also it is in line with other information that has been gradually seeping out from that country.

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## Teacher Of Indian School Speaks From Experience; Compares Various Tribes

By NOEL STEWART B.Sc, Alert Bay

It is generally accepted that the Indians of Canada are one. This is a very erroneous thought for there is no like- between success and failure rests ness whatsoever between the Indians of our Canadian upon appreciation of authority. At plains and those of our bush lands. The Indians of our Can- the backbone, the Indian really adian east are quite different than our western redmen. love his own way, good or bad, and Schools were established on many Indian reservations in by nature he will try you out to see Canada about the same time. Yet, the results after 50 years are vastly orary names, thus keeping them-

different. A great asset of our plains Indians is the fact they are direct de- pected as are plains chiefs. They willing to follow. scendents from the bravest warling to their indomitable courage. honor and perfect manhood. The body. weaklings of the plains people did not exist for they were of no val- Indians are their greatest asset. aries tried to curb the warlike are anxious to keep them modern. centred by tribal beliefs that mis- fairly well provided for. sionaries could not gain their confidence. These tribes were proud ervations, where the third generand fierce. Yet amid all the dif- ation of their people are in school, ficulties the early missionaries were a little tightening up of order is men of foresight for they slowly required. Personally, I feel the turned the feelings of the redmen missionary idea is often carried too by example until today we still have far. Some of our missionaries are an Indian just as brave and strong, so much in love with the task they yet law-abiding, and full of the bravery as his forefathers working

#### Personal Experience

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ops a wrong attitude. Secondly. Badminton Meet should work among Indians, persons who will set a standard and keep it, regardless of feeling. It is Players Selected for Tournament impossible to do much if a parent is permitted to say: "I will not let my kid come to school, if you say his face is to be washed." Authority Essential

I have found the sole difference how far he can go. But if he shown from the beginning the selves poor. Chiefs among certain teaching he is receiving is upright, British Columbia tribes are not res- sound, and the best, generally he is

do not appear to hold definite au- From my experience I am not in riors of the scalping days. They de- thority. Some tribes in British Col- favor of nurses and teachers havscend from a line of people who umbia have no council, can roam at ing to take undue insults from Inknew their life existed only accord- large and are little interested in the dian children or parents. Much advancement of education. Fair may be put down to ignorance, as They were taught from the cradle, play is not a dominant character far as the Indian is concerned, but days the tribal laws of authority in their daily life. They are more we, as missionaries, can't be exwhich demanded nothing short of self-centred than interested in a cused by ignorance from not teaching them better in their school The homes and dress of the Coast years.

> helping him to play the game fairly last year. and teach him to see himself as he actually is, not mollycoddle him until he is not liked by his white master of the Masonic Lodge, afbrother or red brother. Although the Indian is advancing generally, yet he is also losing many of his noblest characteristics which were so true of his people.

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#### FIRE ALARMS

The fire department responded to And let us hope, with the ascend- eight alarms during the month of ue in the battle. For years mission- Many have large airy houses and ing years, we may learn to leave March. Damage was inconsequenwith the Indian any traits of brav- tial. Last year in March there were Blackfeet, the ancient enemies of They also have considerable money ery he possesses. Let us teach him, twelve alarms. So far this year the Crees, but these tribes were so at certain times of the year—so are not spoil him untill he turns his there have been twenty-eight manliness into mere prejudice. Let fire alarms as compared with nineus hope we may play some part in teen in the corresponding period

> H. F. Noel, district deputy grand ter paying an official visit at Stewart, arrived in the city from the north on the Prince Rupert last evening and proceeds by this evening's train to his home at Smithers. D. McN. Lowe, who has been accompanying Mr. Noei, is also here enroute back to Smithers.

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