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In The Hug of the Bear Being the Experiences of Messrs Finlay & Grant, of Victoria, as Prisoners of War in Russia. Written for the Times, from his notes, by R. Finlay.

During fine weather baseball and

This was

enerally indicated a near approach of as we had reported to the different winter. We would frequently converse embassies immediately our hardships with one another on our situation. In- were ended. No longer need for worry, the principal topic discussed The most faultless treatment was exwas "How long have we yet to stay?" tended to us. We spent seven days at on the 29th of September (Russian sight seeing in that city of twenty date) passports for the six Ameri-kanskis arrived from St. Petersburg. thousand automobiles, and then two of our number, Grant and myself, were Many were the congratulations we re- given passage on the steamship Kurceived from the Japanese. At this time gan, bound to London. We passed peace had been restored between the through the beautiful Kiel canal, then HAD A MAJORITY OF two countries, and why we should out into the North Sea and across that have gained our freedom previous to body of water to the city of cities. the other non-combatants will always Passing under Tower bridge on the remain a mystery. We were not dis-Thames, we docked at Hay's wharf pleased at being told that Medveid about 6 p.m. Being strangers we deneed not necessarily longer be our cided to camp for the night, and the



Hotel at St. Petersburg at which the prisoners stayed.

place of residence. But when no next day, after considerable walking, transportation was to be furnished by we found Victoria street, at which he Russian government, imagine the place Mr. Griffiths, one of Canada's npression that country made on us. able representatives, received us cor-After wrangilng with the authorities dially, and after concluding arrangeor four days concerning the matter ments for our temporary stay, proreferred to we decided to paddle our vided us with further transportation to wn canoe, and fortunately possessed Liverpool by rail, thence across the heans enough to carry us to St. Pe- Atlantic on that famous old steamship tersburg, a city I hope to visit again Parisian of the Allan line, bound for under different circumstances. As soon Halifax and St. John,

In ten days from the time of departure we arrived at the former place and met with the same reception that had been given us from the time of first striking British soil. Mr. F. W. Armand of the immigration department, Mr. Smith, deputy King's printwill not be forgotten for kindnesses meted out to us.

We went from Halifax to Montreal transferred to the Canadian Pacific. A sample of winter was met with at families and friends. This concludes our experiences as

prisoners of the bear.

PREPARATIONS FOR BALL. Native Sons Will Eclipse All previous

Functions at Annual Dance. FOR ESQUIMALT A pleasing feature of the Native Sons the attendance at its functions of those who are not members of the order, and particularly persons who are new-

The branches of the organization are

bers are free from that exclusiveness

which characterizes, some societies.

The Native Sons strive to make their

entertainments bright and cheerful,

and spare no expense to accomplish

comers to British Columbia, so that nd have an enjoyable time together.

Total vote, 806. Spoiled ballots, 17. SCHOOL TRUSTEES. CAMERON MOWAT JENKINS LEWIS McNeill Boggs

Smith

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NEARLY TWO HUNDRED McKay Total vote, 2,630. Spoiled ballots, 15. It should be explained that the reason for the exceptionally large number of The New Board of Aldermen-Gre spoiled ballots in connection with the Interest in the School Trustee aldermanic contest appears to have been a misunderstanding on the part Election. of some as to the number for which they were entitled to vote. Coming TI from the school trustee polls, when there were four to be selected, to the (From Friday's Daily.) market buildings where only three The municipal elections for 1906 have could be chosen there was naturally passed into history. Some of the resome confusion with the result shown sults it must be acknowledged were Promptly at 7 o'clock Returning Offisomewhat of a surprise to those who cer Northcott issued the mandate that pride themselves upon their ability to polling should cease. His assistants promptly closed their books, Chas interpret the beat of the pulse of pubic opinion. A. J. Morley's selection for and the counting commenced. Soon the mayoralty chair by a good major- after the crowds thronging Broad ity over his more experienced and street were following the contest as the

seasoned opponent, Charles Hayward, count progressed by means of the was unexpected. It was generally be- newspaper buletin service. Special arlieved that the final returns would rangements had been made by the Times for the occasion, and the crowd show the candidates to be very close, that gathered apparently appreciated but it was everywhere conceded that the effort that had been made to put the advantage would probably incline them in possession of accurate infor mation at the earliest possible mome in Mr. Hayward's direction. There-Before the mayoralty finals had been fore, there was considerable excitement announced a large crowd had gathered when the Times commenced to bulletin at the city hall, and when A. J. Morle the count and it was found that Mr. was declared elected he was called Morley had taken the lead, and appar- upon for a speech. Returning Office ently intended to hold his place. As it Northcott took the chair, and the suc continued and the two kept well tocessful candidate addressed the throng gether Mr. Morley sometimes gaining It was not his fault that he had bee and occasionally falling behind the inplaced in such a position and, if an terest intensified and the announcething happened, he didn't want to b ment of the final and the election of A. blamed. (Laughter.) He expressed ad J. Morley by a margin of 188 votes elimiration for the manner in which his cited enthusia sitc cheers from those of opponent, Charles Hayward, had co his supporters gathered before the ducted the campaign, and also for the way in which he bore defeat. (Ar plause.) There was no hard feeling

building. Next to the mayoralty contest the struggle for the honors of school trus- existing between them, and the on tee attracted attention. The advent of draw-back to that proud moment wa Miss A. D. Cameron and her three sup- that both could not be elected porters, S. Matson, George Snider and (Cheers.) He felt proud of the trust Wm. MacKay at the last moment had and confidence that had been place a wonderfully stimulating effect. It in him by the electors, and wished was not only Miss Cameron's personal- understood that he reiterated even er; Mr. Crane and others at Halifax ity and the wide circle of friends and promise he had made on the stump. acquaintances she has throughout the Every word he had said was serious ommunity that interested the rate- intended as he had for years been plan payers, but the introduction as an issue ning many things whereby if chosen for

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over the Intercolonial railroad, then in the campaign of the South Park any public office, the citize school drawing trouble, her consequent benefit more than in the past summary dismissal by the school Mayor's position, if one did one's dut Winnipeg and other inland places, but board, and the matters now under con- was not particularly remunerative. as the Pacific coast was neared all sideration by Commissioner Lampman, had always been a pet idea of his that traces of whiteness disappeared, and who was appointed by the government the Mayor and council were of little at last we arrived in one of the most to investigate. Therefore, there were use without the assistance and coolcturesque cities it was our fortune to two factions lined up against each operation of the people. To ensure suchave traversed in ten months of globe other in the battle of the ballots. Upon cess it was his intention to bring cititrotting. It is needless to mention that the one side was Miss Cameron and her zens together frequently in semi-officity's name, nor the reception from adherents, and on the other Chairman cial meetings in order that such Boggs, of the board of school trustees, weighty questions as that of the sup and the three others who had voted ply of water might be thoroughly disfor the South Park school principal's cussed. Concluding, he thanked those dismissal on the ground of insubordin- who had assisted him and the elector ation, namely, Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, ate generally.

Mowat and Lewis. The defeated candidate, Charles Hay-From the start the positions occupied ward, was called upon afterwards. He by these aspirants were marked with made a few appropriate remarks conalmost feverish intensity. The twen- gratulating Mr. Morley upon his sucties had scarcely been reached before cess. He was quite satisfied with the Miss Cameron jumped to the front. R. outcome as it was undoubtedly the Mowat, the only one of last year's people's choice. (Applause.) H6 en-Society is that it tries to encourage trustees who had taken it upon his tertained no hard feelings, and would shoulders to justify his attitude with endeavor to lend every assistance to respect to Miss Canaeron upon the Mr. Morley as Mayor. (Applause.) He platform, took a place close behind. Then followed E. Arman Lewis, with ing the campaign.

those who are residents of the prov- Mrs. Jenkins in fourth place and A. B. Addresses were delivered by the sucince may become better acquainted McNeill, an independent candidate, cessful candidates in Central Ward, fifth and sometimes approached to after which the meeting disperse within dangerous proximity to the last There was a very large vote polled founded on broad lines, and the mem- of the leading quartette. These places yesterday. The electors turned out in were maintained throughout with a splendid style. The totals, however, do not by any means mark a record. For few unimportant variations. All through the count there was con- instance, yesterday the total vote cast siderable excitement. This was caused for Mayor was 2,670. This was beaten principally by the children, who crowd- both in 1903 and 1904, when the totals ed about the doors eagerly inquiring were 3,028, and 2,966 respectively. On upon every opportunity whether Miss the former occasion McCandless op-Cameron was still leading. So ardent posed Hayward, and on the latte was one boy's admiration of that can- Barnard was elected over Redfer didate that he requested a Times re- Voting, however, was brisk throughout porter to leave the door ajar for a the day, and those in charge are to be minute that he might "see how Miss congratulated upon the thoroughness Cameron looked." Nor was the fun of their arrangements.

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(From Wednesda As told in the regul Times last evening, a of special editions w additional particulars tained, the steamer. Pacific Coast Steamshi ten miles from Cape west coast of Vancou sistance has been hur Victoria, but whether reach her in time to s er of the passengers of mined at time of writ All that was known morning was that ab passengers and \ crev and that upwards of o still huddled forward vessel praying for su ing their eyes for so from passing steamer The story of the dis tailed form, and not tained last night source-that of T. Pat keeper at Cape Beale, the exciting and un under which he was w to get two or three n

to the Times. This story, which ma as the only one which last night, gives a clea whole affair. From i the Valencia had only weather after leavi Gate on Saturday las Worked by Dead The weather being son proceeded caution dead reckoning. Fr brought ashore by the his men it would ap Johnson had no idea th ed the entrance to the de Fuca. An error of explicable, however, pains have been take Cape, and prevent the the early navigators fell, who sailed past t declared that the ex a body of water was boat's crew which c clare that the nav thought he was in th of Umatilla light ins thirty or forty miles fu How She S His first intimation when, with a grinding of the steamer struck Consternation reigned moments before sou taken, and the lead r fathoms. The vessel having h cautiously, however, s hard on the rock, and once signalled below ngines. A few turns the ship slid off the deeper water. It was then that the the injuries she had su evident, for excited me the stoke hold and the norted that the water the vessel from the hi Capt. Johnson then say course was to run her rapidity with which w: made precluded the l any convenient harbon been sure of his thereupon signalled to and the vessel once upon the rocks. In order to understan that such a fine vesse life-saving appliances of and yet be in such de is necessary here to de tion. Ahead of her lay bidding cliffs, from w shelved out seawards. ed getting the vessel c thirty yards of such as only the Pacific in ; and on such a coast ca between her passengers angry was the sea that n with grave forebodi Johnson decided to put over the side.



and people followed the remains to the

A Medvied View. On the Bridge.

grave. In that assemblage there was other outdoor sports were indulged in

a strange mixture of Koreans, Chinese by the prisoners, and some very inter-

and Japanese besides ourselves, ten in esting games took place in that far

funerals during our stay, and in each arrived we spent about half an hour instance the white plague was the a day swimming, our evening plunge

cause. Five days after our arrival taking place just before retiring. A

two officers from St. Petersburg, one nice stream of water ran through the

a member of the army, the other from town and at one spot a deep pool made

as interpreter a Cossack, who spoke very much enjoyed by those whose

Japanese quite fluently, and from our privilege it was to engage in that

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the navy, interviewed us. They had a very good bathing place.

There were several more away land. Before the cool evenings

tion in St. Petersburg, spoke Russian slight knowledge of the language we pastime. On Tuesdays and Fridays we like a native. were enabled to learn the import of were permitted to take a long walk. Through him we were informed what their mission Medveid. They said we When accompanied by an agreeable at Medveid. The rules were strict but were regarded virtually the same as Russian officer a very pleasant time not disagreeably so. Every morning Japanese prisoners and that we could would take advantage of these strolls at 9.30 o'clock we had to register our not expect to be released until the war to purchase necessaries from the farmnames in a book which was kept at | was ended. The further inland we pro-

number.

PART V.

of us from Pemza to Medvied (upon

arrival at Shmisk, the terminus of our

the war and who at some former time

had served his government at the lega-

The Russian officer who had charge



A Troika-the prisoners drove 200 versts in one of these

ers, paying about half the price asked for the same in town. One officer at Medveid, an army reserve man, was the favorite with all. On days when he was in charge we were sure of having a good time, Among the prisoners the highest army officer was a Colonel Morikami. He had served all through the Port Arthur land engagements and after the fall of that place was sent to Mukden. It was while on scouting duty there that he

was captured. There were also naval and transport officers, the latter bein in the majority. All together the captives numbere about 2,500 men of all grades. About

tions for the celebration of some na-

rived. Consternation, he said, reigned

at the capital in consequence. The

officials put every confidence in the

Russian admiral and thought that

there could be but one outcome to

After doing some sketching, Mr.

Alexieff returned to his home. Several

times distinguished officers paid hur

ried visits to the garrison. On what

learn, but supposed that they were

credit upon the country from which

One day a sad incident occurred

which grieved the community gener-

A little bugler, who with two

extra attention, which reflected

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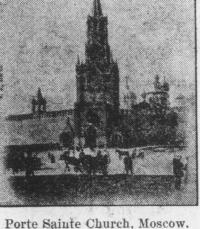
ally.

an equal number of Russian officers and men were detailed to guard the prisoners, which was a very easy task to accomplish. There was only one female prisoner, the wife of Major Togo. The major and his wife were both captured in northern Korea in the early part of the war. Although there were no other women with whom to associ-

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ERMANENT CORPS IS

seemed to be in a



ate. Madame Togo way discomforted. On fine days she

The Principal Street at Medvica.

headquarters. From 10 o'clock until ceeded, the more complicated our posiwould promenade, and with her hus-12 o'clock we were at liberty to promenade on the boulevard, which was case the visiting officers seemed doubt- sionally be seen riding a bicycle, a reabout two hundred yards long. From ful that we had been only ordinary creation which she seemed to enjoy 12 to 3 we were indoors, and from 3 to seal hunters. This was astonishing, very much. Mr. Alexieff, a corres-7 in the open again. They believed, for surely Admiral Yessen's men knew pondent and war artist, spent two

apparently, in the maxim, "early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." Altogether the time spent at Medveid was not unpleasant, except for the monotony of such a life and the uncertainty as to how long it would last.

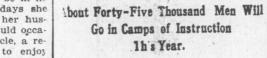
On the afternoon of the 4th of July we were given six roubles (\$3) each. with which we were to buy cooking utensils, dishes and provisions for future use. I suppose we had to pay more for what we purchased than the Russians would have done. But we could not complain under the circumstances. We had the option of buying anything our limited means would permit. Consequently our bill of fare was changed quite frequently. Englishmen, officers on board the Japanese transport Sado Maru, captured one year previous to us, paid us a visit and related their experiences, which were very thrilling. Their ship was fired upon and supposedly sunk, but later a Japanese fleet ran across her and she was towed back to Japan and repaired. She is now engaged, I have

since learned, in European service. at the time of capture that we had no | days at Medveid. He was very friend-These gentlemen were glad to see us, contraband on board the ship. And I |y towards us and from him we learn believe that the majority of right ed the true fate of the Baltic fleet and and being English speaking our spare moments were always spent in each thinking people would not favor our of the total annihilation of Roiestven detention on Russian soil longer than sky's ships. He said it came as a grea: other's company.

We were not many days at Medveid necessary, at the least we should have surprise to the people of St. Peters before a death occurred. This was due been returned to the port from whence burg, who had been making preparato consumption, and about two thous- we sailed.



Group of Russian Children at Medvied. Most of them are the children of Russian officers,



Go in Camps of Instruction

their end. They intend holding a dance at the Assembly rooms on the 2nd Ottawa, Jan. 20.-The militia authori-February, and have gone to much ies are planning to train about 45,000 pains to secure the best talent that nen during the present year. The escan be had. ablishment will consist of 29,624 in-The music promises to be a treat. An orchestra of 12 pieces, all of whom are antry of all ranks, 6,350 cavalry, 5,135 artillery, 780 engineers, 185 guides, 1,166 1rmy service corps, 1,568 army medical orps and 90 signallers. This makes a otal of 44,801 of volunteer militia which will constitute a training estab- chestra. ishment for all the provinces of Can-

LARGELY INCREASED

ada. The number is slightly below what he force was last year on paper, ffective.

The reduction is due to placing on eserve the supernumerary officers and on-commissioned officers who constiuted what Lord Dundonald called secand line. It was found that a double set of officers for various arms of the ervice did not give good results, so officers and men have been fixed at the proper relative proportions.

The increased effectiveness of the nilitia as a whole is shown by the fact hat while its numbers is slightly less, owing to a reduction in the number of officers, the number of units is greater by six batteries of infantry, two regiments of infantry and two of cavairy. There is an increase of the permanent force from 1,000 to 4,677. This is or the purpose of providing garrisons

t Halifax and Esquimalt. NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. Dobie, of This City, Had Hard Struggle For His Life Off Denman Island.

"Mr. Dobie, a traveller for the Vicoria Chemical Works, had a very narow escape from drowning on Thurslay afternoon," says the Nanaimo Free Press. "He was going from Denman to Hornby island, rowing himself

cross in a small boat. There was a G. Montieth, H. T. Shotbolt, Jack tiff breeze blowing at the time, and Lawson, P. R. Brown, jr. when about half way across Lambert channel the boat began to swamp. "He turned around and headed for other friends had gone bathing, was suddenly affected with cramps and Denman island, and then began one perished before the eyes of the onof the most terrifying experiences he lookers. It happened so suddenly that ever had. The sea was running high,

assistance, though close at hand, could and with no time to stop to bail, he not be rendered in time to save the life had to pull as no oarsman ever pulled the residence and the grave. Many of the boy, who was very popular. in a race in order to get to the island Greater care was exercised-in future before his boat sank. He finally manand it was not long after that swimaged to make the shore, but in a very Mr. Davey was held. The pallbearers ming was abandoned altogether. xhausted condition, and will suffer The first part of September the several days from the nervous strain G. Smith, J. P. Walls, Jas. Gaudin and leaves began to fall and surroundings and exposure."

soloists on their respective instruments, have been engaged, and Hugo Schmidt, Mus. Bac., a well known violinist and conductor in the United States, comes here to direct the or The floor will be prepared for the occasion by the latest discovery "Ortonyx," and with the music furnished by such capable musicians the dancing public will have every reason hough it is better balanced and more to be thoroughly satisfied. The Sons have also laid plans to pay particular attention to the wants of those who do not dance. A lounging room is in the course of preparation, in which will be located a buffet with waiters in attendance to look after those who are not members of the society. The supper at the ball will be on different lines to that in the past, so that

all may receive proper care and attention. Chief Watson promises some new and startling effects in the decorations, and judging from the high quality of his work in the past this part of the ball will be artistic and charming. The following constitute the commit tees: Chairman, Geo. Thos. Fox; hon.

secretary, Arthur Haynes; hon. treasurer, S. Sea, jr. Supper-Jos. E. Wilson, Phil. Austin, C. F. Gardiner, W. A. Lawson, Jack Lawson, H. E. A. Courtney, H. M. Fin-MORLEY layson and Chas. E. Wilson. Hayward Music-Frank Higgins and James Fletcher.

Decorations-Thomas Watson, H. G.

S. J. Norris.

Dalby, A. H. Haynes, E. F. Waller, F. W. Waller, D. D. McTavish and B. G. DAVEY HALL Printing-Frank Higgins and S. Sea, jr. Invitation-Lindley Crease and Arthur E. Haynes. Reception-Officers of post. Ticket-S. Sea, jr., Hugh Keefer, F S. Bone, B. G. Prior, Percy Winch, R.

-The funeral of Arthur Davey took Levy .. place Friday afternoon from the residence of his father, F. Davey, Burnside road. Services were conducted by Rt. Rev. Bishop Perrin, both at

Quagliotti . Anderson friends attended, and the floral offerings testified to the esteem in which DOUGLAS ... VINCENT were: H. D. Hulmen, H. Macauley, A. FELL

Humphrey Broderick ...

confined to the corrictors. As ballot after ballot was read "Cameron HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. Mowat, Lewis, Jenkins," the incongruity of the situation began to appeal to Officers Elected at the Annual Meeting those present, and once or twice Re--Reports Submitted. turning Officer Bell had to call "order."

Miss Cameron's supporters, judging by The annual meeting of the Victori the number of plumpers given her, had Horticultural Society took place at th turned out in loyal style, and with the Y. M. C. A. hall Tuesday evening .Th determination that nothing would be was the fourth meeting since its ince allowed to stand in the way of her apporation, and there was a full atten pintment to the board of achool trus- ance. After he dispatch of formation business the subject of the inaugu Although the aldermanic contest, in ation of a botanical gardens schem very ward, was close it did not in- was mooted, and a committee of sin terest to the same extent as the may- was appointed to bring the matter t oralty or trustee elections. The out- the consideration of the Dominion gov come was by no means surprising in ernmen. any instance. Those whose chances The officers elected for the enguine were thought the best by the discern- year were as follows: Sir Henri Joly ing proved the selection of the elector- de Lotbiniere, honorary presid ate. A glance at the bulletin records Walter F. Burton, president;

shows that the elected candidates took | Henry Croft, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. premier places from the outset and, al- W. Pearse, Major C. T. Dupont, though the order might have changed Fernie, Rowland Stuart and H. F. W. in some cases, the ultimate results laston, vice-presidents; E. E. Bi were the same as shown by the first hurst, honorary treasurer, and Jame Bland, secretary. Board of directo figures. Appended are the complete and offi-Messrs. J. Sherburn, P. T. James, F.

Pemberton, Mrs. Morrall and Mess cial returns: W. Norman, A. Ohlson, L. Russell,

MAYOR. Manton, J. P. Stewart, E. A. Walla 1.429 The reports of the secretary 1,241 honorary treasurer showed that Total vote, 2,679. Spoiled ballots ?. year began with an indebtedness ALDERMEN. \$78.70, while there is a balance in ha now of \$84.63; the membership has North Ward. creased from 12 in 1902 to 104. It h 684 been decided by the board, in view the increased general interest bein manifested in horticulture, to hold FULLERTON 513 rose show about the end of June,

Penketh addition to the annual flower show, at Spragge it is hoped that the members will n 254 Bragg only themselves do what they can Total vote, 1,312. Spoiled ballats, 24. make it a success, but will induce thei Centre Ward.

friends to do likewise. GOODACRE DARING ROBBERY. STEWART New York, Jan. 19 .- While Charles YATES Kelbow and two clerks were at work in Mr. Kelbow's jewelry store o Broadway, Brooklyn, early last even Elford 122 ing. Burglars cut a hole up through the flooring of the show window, and Total vote, 500. Spoiled ballots, 26. got away with about \$1,500 of jewe South Ward. lery. Kelbow was astonished when a

pedestrian came into his store to tell 481 him the display of jewelry was in disarray. It is one of the most daring and cleverest robberies ever reported to the

Brooklyn police.

How the Lost

Then orders were given boats. They were swu from their davits, and stincts of men trained rescue of the women aboard-commenced. He