

# SAYS MEETING WAS PACKED

## Stormy Session Under Auspices of Surrey United Farmers Is Held—R. D. MacKenzie Endorsed.

### In Answer to Statement, Threat- ens to Make Latter Incap- able of Voting.

CLOVERDALE, Dec. 30.—Causing

a keener interest than any of the

political meetings of the recent pro-

vincial election campaign, and con-

taining at least one dramatic thrill,

the public meeting, under the aus-

pices of the Surrey United Farmers,

held in the Municipal hall, yesterday

afternoon, was one of the largest

gatherings of farmers that has been

seen in Surrey.

The meeting was called to nomin-

ate a candidate for reeve of Surrey,

the United Farmers wishing to feel

out the sentiment of the ratepayers

in the matter. Reeve Sullivan was

also present, and declared his inten-

tion of running once more for the

chief municipal honor.

Those proposed by the meeting

were Mr. J. W. McMillan, of Hazel-

mere, and Mr. R. D. MacKenzie, and

Reeve Sullivan was also taken into

the final ballot. The ballot return

was MacKenzie, 54; McMillan 24;

Sullivan, 11.

Mr. McMillan, who decided that he

would run or not as decided by the

meeting, retired from the contest,

which will now be fought out be-

tween Councillor R. D. MacKenzie

and Reeve Sullivan.

Reeve Sullivan said that a straw

vote had been taken at White Rock,

and the result had been MacKenzie,

36; Sullivan 6. The reeve sarcas-

tically gave the figures in the re-

verse order, and was gently called to

bock by Councillor MacKenzie for

trying to put one over on him.

#### Would Die of Shame

Continuing Reeve Sullivan said

that some people were trying to turn

him out of office; they wanted a

change, and they did not know whe-

ther it would be a change for the

better. He was running as it gave

him the opportunity to confute any

erroneous statements that might be

made. He had been reeve of Surrey

for ten years, and he had either to

run again and explain to the rate-

payers his position or die of shame.

He preferred to be defeated than to

stand by and take what he was get-

ting.

The reeve then gave his explanation

for the necessity of the celebrated

Surrey vs. Caine case. They were

fighting to save their precedent, and

to protect the interests of the rate-

payers. He drew attention to the

Wolfe case, where Surrey had been

sued for \$40,000, and the Mackinson

case, and said that Mackinsen had

later been interned at Vernon.

Mr. Caine, who won his action

Surrey, here asked the reeve if he

would like to intern him.

Feeling was running high in the

meeting, and as the reeve endeavored

to defend the council with regard to

the G.N.R. dealings, he was fre-

quently interrupted, and was hard-

ly able to continue his remarks.

Mr. F. W. Kearsley asked the chair-

man if a time limit could not be set

for Reeve Sullivan, as if they were

to listen to him for an indefinite pe-

riod, there would be no time to do

#### Grudge Against World.

Other speakers asked that the reeve

be allowed to give his explanation,

and he continue, but got on the sub-

ject of a Newton meeting, and Mr. A.

Dinsmore who, the reeve said, had a

grudge against the world.

This brought Mr. Dinsmore to his

feet with an expostulation and a de-

mand to be allowed to answer the

reeve, and the meeting was in an up-

roar for a time.

The reeve said that the fight was

against the individual, and showed

how, in the Shepherd case, the coun-

cil had spent \$300 in getting an out-

side surveyor to arbitrate. He beg-

ged the ratepayers not to break up

their machine for the desire of get-

ting a new one, which would need oil-

ing.

While the reeve was still speaking

the vote was taken, and the reeve

said that it was a "packed" meeting.

Mr. A. Dinsmore then came out from

the body of the meeting, and insisted

on speaking in answer to the reeve.

The reeve, he said, had deliberately

made incorrect statements to the

judge in court. He referred to the

Caine case.

#### Makes Threats.

Reeve Sullivan sprang to his feet

and threatened to put Mr. Dinsmore,

if he continued to make such state-

ments, into a condition in which he

would not be able to vote on Janu-

ary 15.

The statements were followed by a

pandemonium, in which farmers

shouted, "Throw him out," and one

could hardly hear any individual voice

for the general noise and confusion.

Order was finally restored, and busi-

ness proceeded with.

#### The Nominations.

Other selections for the council

were Mr. F. W. Kearsley, of Straw-

berry Hill, who has resided 25 years

in that locality except during such

time as he served in France, for Ward

II; Mr. Williams Hugh, for Ward IV;

Mr. Lyall Garrett for Ward V.

Nominations for the school board,

Messrs. J. B. Loney and Radford re-

retiring, were Mr. A. H. Porter and Mr.

J. Wheeler, both of Ward V.

Mr. J. W. Alcock, of Hazelmere,

United Farmers, was chairman, and

Mr. C. W. Currie, United Farmers,

secretary of the meeting.

Mr. A. Dinsmore proposed and Mr.

T. Stokes seconded, Mr. J. W. Mc-

Millan, Mr. R. D. MacKenzie being

proposed by Mr. H. V. Coates and se-

conded by Mr. McIntyre.

Both Mr. McMillan and Mrs. Mac-

Kenzie were well received and gave

outlines of what they would do if

elected. They met with frequent ap-

plause during the time they were

speaking, especially when they made

mention of the evident desire of the

people of Surrey to see a change in

the municipal council.

Surrey meetings are frequently

stormy, but there has seldom been a

meeting where fistcuffs were so nar-

rowly averted. Surrey municipal elec-

tions promise to be exciting.