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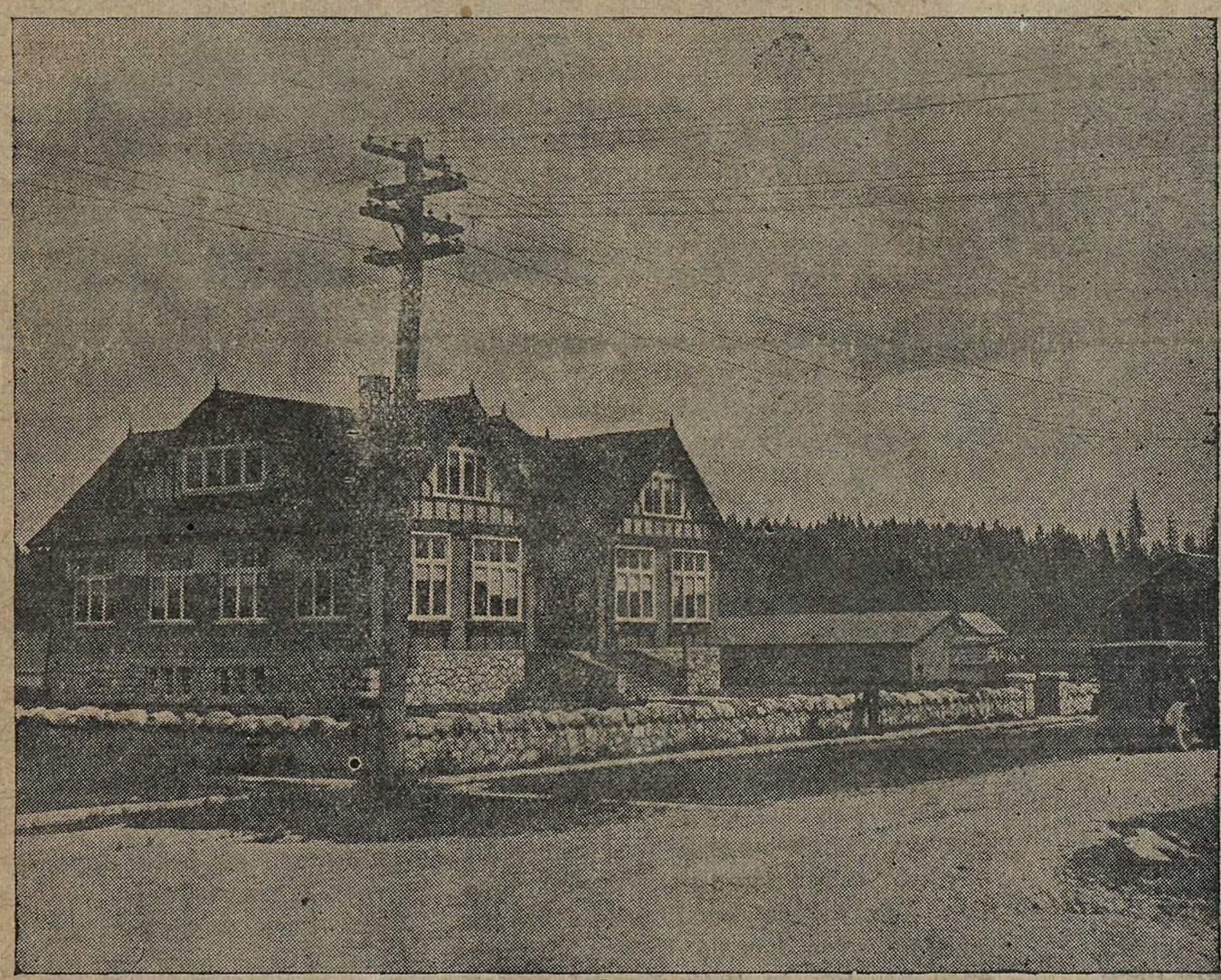

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ELECTION OR ACCLAMATION

There are rumors of candidates for the forthcoming Surrey elections, but from a census of opinion it is gathered that the verdict so far is to avoid unnecessary expense in this direction. There are certain modifications in the modus operandi of municipal affairs which may need further consideration but it is admitted by the majority of ratepayers that Reeve Sullivan and his 1915 council have fulfilled their duties and utilized the public monies to advantage.

Reports are that D Barton and H. Hornby will run against Clr, Hebron. Pressure is being used to induce the pioneer Surrey School Trustee, Mr H T Thrift, to stand again in that capacity.

Co-operative Roa d Building.

A Vancouver subscriber to The Surrey Gazette, holding large interests in Surrey Municipality, sends us the following extract from a Winnipeg paper:

A year ago Olmstead county was decidedly reactionary with respect to highway improvements. It never had been very progressive in this respect, and a definite setback came, following the passage by a recent legislature of a new road law, and a trial of it in adjoining counties. This act, patterned after the old ditch law, permitted county commissioners to bond counties for immediate road improvement which might be paid for in ten annual instalments. It provided that property abutting roads be assessed for a quarter of the cost of improvements, the remainder being shared by the county and the state.

In one of the counties adjoining Olmsted, 76 miles of road building was authorized under the new law, to cost more than $7,000 a mile, in spite vigorous and organized protest from affected property owners. Commercial clubs and other urban organizations were leaders in this elaborate road plan, advocating it on the grounds of the benefits both towns and country districts would derive from having better channels for getting produce to market. Affected property owners and other taxpayers, however, protested that the townspeople were chiefly interested in getting fine automobile drives at the country people's expense. Olmsted county citizens determined to profit by the experience of their neighbors. In several communities organizations were formed to combat any such projects in their localities, and speakers were sent to canvass the county and spread the sentiment. It was not long before the whole county was wrought up and prejudice became so strong that for a long time Olmsted county went with practically no improvements.

Good roads advocates set forth that because so much of Olmsted county was level no such expensive undertakings as their neighbors had begun would be needed and that Olmsted could have really good roads at a fraction of the cost of the adjoining county's highways. Bonding the county, or assessing abutting property would not be necessary, they argued. But the property owners were wary. They were gun-shy of the city man and the automobile owner.

To demonstrate that the town people were willing to assume their share of the good roads burden and to demonstrate also that good roads for Olmsted county did not mean a tremendous outlay of money the Rochester men planned with as many friendly farmers as they could find, to hold the road-building "bee" at Geisinger Hill, a notoriously bad piece of road. The desired results came slowly, but sure. In accordance with the changing sentiment the county commissioners a few weeks later authorized buying two grading machines costing $2,000 each, and hired them for 100 days' work at $50 a day. With these machines, in subsequent weeks, approximately 75 miles of roads were built or repaired at a cost of $200 a mile.

This undertaking did not escape determined protest, but as the summer and the work advanced, this opposition ebbed lower and lower. Men who had supposed that satisfactory roads would not be had without spending thousands of dollars saw the work being done at a fraction of that cost. They became convinced that the money was being well spent. Thus it happened that when the grading had been done, men in the very communities were opposition had been most intense, clubbed together and arranged to haul gravel to surface the new roads free of cost.

Opposition had thus so thoroughly changed to co-operation that several of the townships have decided to buy grading machines of their own and are planning extensive improvements for the new year. The number of miles of road work in Olmsted in 1914 was a record maker for the county, but 1915 is expected to surpass it many times. Organized opposition is virtually a thing of the past in Olmstead county. There are still a few protestors left, and probably always will be a few, but very few.

Business men and farmers are contemplating having a "good roads day bee" as sort of an annual event to commemorate the beginning of Olmsted's new era in road building.

SURREY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

AND ELECTION FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES. 1916

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of Surrey that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Cloverdale, on Monday, January 10th, 1916, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors, and also for the purpose of electing School Trustees.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows: The Candidate shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination, the said writing may be in form number 5 in the schedule of the Municipal Elections Act, and shall state the names, residences and occupation or description of each person proposed in such manner as sufficiently to identify such candidate, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on Saturday, January 15th, 1916, as follows:

Tynehead Public Hall, Springdale School House.
Clarington Hotel, South Westminster, and Farmers' Institute Hall, Strawberry Hill.
Mud Bay School House and Johnston Road School House.
Municipal Hall, Cloverdale, and Clayton School House.
Halls Prairie School House, Crescent School House, and David Hughes' Office, White Rock.

From 9 a.m. till 7 p.m. Of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

QUALIFICATIONS.

The qualifications for Reeve shall be his being a male British subject, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property situated in the municipality of the assessed value on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll of five hundred dollars or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherise duly qualified as a municipal voter.

The qualifications for Councillor shall be his being a male British subject and having been for three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the municipality of the assessed value on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for a portion of one year preceding the nomination, and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge; and being otherwise duly qualified as a Municipal voter.

The qualification for School Trustees shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, actually residing within the district, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the municipality of the assessed value on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for a period of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified by the Public School Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said District.

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SURREY RATE PAYERS

Thb Rate Payers of Surrey very wisely refrained from selecting any candidate for the Reeveship at the SURREY RATE PAYERS meeting at CLOVERDALE on Wednesday.

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