Acclamations come in many B.C. centres

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The top executive posts in a dozen British Columbia centres were filled by acclamation Monday.

When civic nominations closed at noon in 30 cities, four towns, 57 villages and 30 districts, only three places — North Vancouver, Fort St. John and Ladysmith — were faced with elections to fill the posts of reeve, mayor or commission chairman.

Most of the rest of the centres will be choosing councils and school boards and voting on by-laws and referendums when election day arrives December 6.

And in Vancouver and Victoria, nominations still were open. Victoria nominates December 6 and votes December 13. Vancouver nominates Wednesday with election December 12.

In the new village of Chetwynd, the commission appointed last year has another year to go in office.

ACCLAMATIONS

Alex Forst in West Vancouver and Samuel Lindsay in Kitimat were elected reeve by acclamation, while R. Gordon Lee in Central Saanich and Richard Hannesson in North Vancouver district were re-elected by the same route.

TERRACE—Councillors (three seats) — William V. Bennett, (x) Victor G. Golliffe, Dorothy M. Norton, George B. Peters, Lionel B. Sears.

School trustees (two seats) — James Caruso, (x) John E. Cook, (x) Richard M. Toynbee.

Bank loans hit all-time high

MONTREAL — Year-end records in loans, deposits and resources, plus new highs in both profits earned and taxes paid, are shown in the Bank of Montreal's 145th annual statement issued today.

The statement shows loans at an all-time high of $2,269 million — 17.33 per cent more than a year ago and reflecting a year of intense credit demands. In contrast, the bank's securities portfolio was reduced 12.5 per cent, from $1,107 million to $969 million.

Bank of Montreal resources were reported at $4,015 million, a new year-end record, compared with $3,950 million a year ago. Deposits increased from $3,647 million to $3,713 million. Personal savings, amounting to $1,834 million, are up by $85 million.

Earnings, after taxes, for the bank's operations, by more than 900 offices at home and abroad were $16,013,512, 9.84 per cent more than in 1961. Taxes also reached a new high — $18,353,442, or 14.6 per cent more than net earnings.

$2.10 DIVIDEND

Dividend payments for the year to the bank's 22,000 shareholders have amounted to $12,757,500, or $2.10 per share, five cents more than the 1961 figure and 10 cents more than was paid in 1960.

B.C. BRIEFS

GETS NEW TERM

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) — Murray Allan Boyd, 24, who held two guards off with a makeshift knife and escaped Oakalla Prison on July 31, was sentenced in Assize Court Monday to 18 more months in prison. He was serving six years for robbery when he made the break with four others. All were recaptured.

GUNS WERE LOADED

100 MILE HOUSE (CP) — Local hunters Algot Person and Phillip Zellar were fined $50 apiece Monday for carrying loaded rifles in their cars. They pleaded guilty. Person drew another $25 fine for not having a hunting licence.

WOMAN STABBED

VANCOUVER (CP) —A schoolteacher was taken to hospital with knife wounds late Monday after a stabbing incident in the Marpole district. She was in satisfactory condition. A domestic argument is believed to have led to the incident and police are questioning a second woman.

DIED AFTER RACE

VANCOUVER (CP)—High school student Bryan Dalrymple Hunt, 16, died after a 12-block foot race when he choked on food particles from his own stomach, an autopsy showed. Coroner Glen McDonald said he does not yet know why the race caused the youth to choke.

RCMP constable's condition fair

VANCOUVER (CP) — An RCMP constable critically injured in a plane crash that killed one man at 100 Mile House was in fair but "greatly improved" condition here Monday.

Doctors operated on Const. Don Hawrylük, 29, to remove pressure from his lungs caused by broken ribs.

He was injured Sunday when a plane piloted by Gary Madison, 18, of Kelowna, crashed shortly after takeoff. Madison died instantly. They were setting out to look for hunter Doug Stammer, who walked out of bush country an hour after the crash.

Fulton undecided

VANCOUVER (CP) — Public Works Minister Fulton said Monday he will wait until he returns to Ottawa Friday before deciding whether to enter British Columbia politics.

J. Fergie Browne, former member of Parliament for Vancouver-Kingsway, and Harold McQuillan, former MP for Comox-Alberni, have announced they will contest the leadership.

Pope declares longer recess

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John today extended the 1963 recess of the Roman Catholic ecumenical council by four months, telling the prelates to return in September instead of May from a recess that begins Dec. 8.

The pope's decision for a nine-month break was announced at today's closed council session in St. Peter's Basilica where 2,200 bishops examined a thesis exploring possible roads toward Christian unity.

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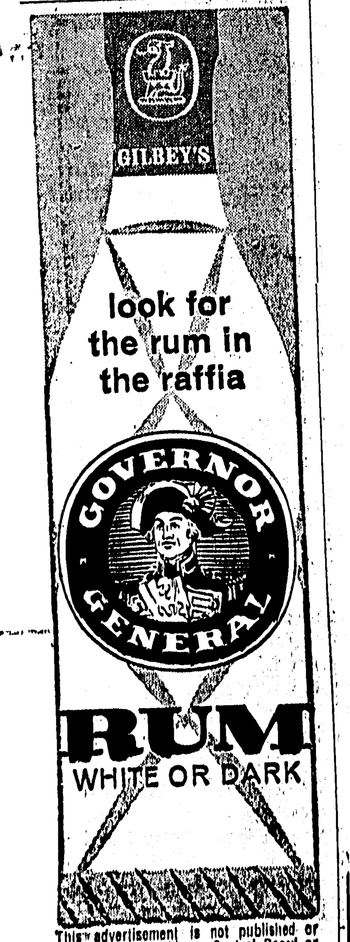

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