

Zeitschrift: Helvetia : magazine of the Swiss Society of New Zealand
Herausgeber: Swiss Society of New Zealand
Band: 3 (1937-1938)
Heft: 11

Artikel: The romance of the St. Gotthard [continued]
Autor: [s.n.]
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-943152>

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 09.08.2025

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

Special Broadcast to honour Swiss Independence Day
August 1, 1938.

2 ZB Wellington will broadcast a special Swiss programme on the Swiss National Holiday, August 1, between 4 - 4.30 p.m.

At 8 o'clock in the morning two Swiss records will be broadcast for breakfast listeners.

First of August Celebrations and Entertainments.

The Secretary of the Swiss Benevolent Society of New Zealand would like to receive reports on First of August Entertainments and Celebrations which may take place in New Zealand on that day. They will be printed in the next issue of the "HELVETIA". Send in your reports on your Jass-Parties, Teas and other gatherings!

R A D I O BROADCAST : A Broadcast will take place on August 1st. at 5.30 p.m. (N.Z. time). Wave lengths as before :-

H B J 20,64 M. 14535 Kc. H B O 26,31 M. 11402 Kc.

Once more we wish to impress upon the listeners the importance of informing us regarding results of reception.

THE ROMANCE OF THE ST. GOTTHARD (continued)

The private postal service was continued until 1798, when it was transferred to the Helvetic Republic. Five years later the Republic came to an end; the cantons regained their sovereignty and made their own postal arrangements. Canton Uri improved the service. In 1820 the road as far as Göschenen was sufficiently widened to enable vehicles to be used. In 1830, when the road over the pass was complete, the postman was permitted to take a solitary passenger in his carriage. Twelve years later a daily service with a post-waggon, having accommodation for eight passengers, was inaugurated and in due course taken over by the Federal Post Office.

The middle of the last century was marked by bold projects for a railway through the Alps, with fierce conflict as to the most suitable route. The Lukmanier Pass between Disentis and Biasca, running virtually parallel with part of the Gotthard road, was for a time the great rival, but in 1869 the Federal authorities finally decided in favour of the St. Gotthard. This involved the boring of what was then the longest tunnel in the world.

Work on this mighty undertaking was begun in 1872 and ten years later, on June 1st. 1882, the line was formally inaugurated. The cost, exceeding the original estimates, had run to about £4,760,000. The completion of the work was recognised as an epoch-making achievement, in view of the magnitude of the scheme and the enormous difficulties which were ingeniously and successfully overcome. The St. Gotthard railway immediately took its place among the great arteries of European traffic, both for goods and passengers. It gained a deservedly high reputation for the thoroughness of its organisation, the excellence of its services and the comfort ensured to its ever-increasing clientele, while no other line in the world could compare with it for grandeur of scenery. ..(TO BE CONTINUED).

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

MR. P. CATTIN, Te Kauwhata, "Scintilla" Wine, Fruit and Honey.
MR. KERLER, 477, Karangahape Rd., Auckland, Prams, Wickerwork, Toys, &c
MR. E. CATTIN, 19, Willis St., Wellington, Jeweller & Watchmaker.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

Please address to the Secretary,
W. UNGEMUTH,
Clarence St., Northcote, AUCKLAND.