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young mothers will be in a better position. As from 1st November newly-born children will obtain a children's ration card.

Swiss Customs revenue totalled Frs. 14,425,000 in September 1941. This amount exceeds by Frs. 16,000 the figure for last September. However a decrease of about Frs. 65,000,000 during the first nine months of this year is shown as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

On the 4th October an appeal by the Swiss Federal Railways to unload and load goods at the earliest possible convenience, - weekends included - was broadcast. There is a shortage of trucks owing to increased autumn traffic and to the fact that vital goods imported to Switzerland are now being transported from the frontier in Swiss trucks.

It was announced on the 6th October, that the blackout in Switzerland will begin at 22.00 and last until 05.00 instead of at 23.00. This regulation comes into force on and after the night of Friday 10th to Saturday 11th, and will remain so until further notice.

Lighting in Zurich will be restricted to one-third during the winter months in order to save electricity.

The Society for Historical research in Berne recently celebrated its hundredth anniversary.

On September 28th, the congress of Swiss women's societies met in Romanshorn; 140 local organisations were represented.

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ADDITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FOR GIFTS OF WOOLLEN WEAR FROM NEW ZEALAND FOR THE SWISS SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND.

From Madame Charles Fleury, Bassecourt: 24th August 1941: "It is with very great pleasure that we have received your package. This will do a great service in these hard times through which we are passing. We thank you for it from the bottom of our hearts. With kind regards."

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From Mrs. Frederick Frey, Basel, Baerenfelderstrasse, 15. "Reverting to your letter which you have recently written to my husband and the nice useful woollen wear which you have sent him for our little Rutli, I wish to thank you very much. What joy when I opened the package! I cannot thank you enough. I am very glad to have this in these hard times, as I don't own much. I only regret that I have nothing for our little son Walterli, everything is getting too small for him. He is now getting one year old and I hope some day he will be a brave soldier. Again in the name of my husband and myself, many thanks and may your action be rewarded a thousand times. With kind regards."

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From Fhr. Heitz Max, Mitr. Kp. IV/98 Zuerich, Hammerstr. 101: "We have received for our 8 months old baby boy some woollies, among which was a woollen singlet which through you has found its way to Switzerland. For this gift we thank you most heartily as it has proved to us that although far away abroad there are fellow countrymen who feel close to the Homeland. Such loyalty affords us soldiers new strength and joy to carry on at our posts and if necessary, to fight - may, however, our destiny spare us war. In order to show you the recipient of your gift, I am mailing you enclosed a photograph of our tiny "Eidgenoss" and we hope that this little photograph will please you as much as your gift has pleased us. Please receive again our heartiest thanks and kind regards from the Homeland."

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SWISS RADIO BROADCASTS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

The monthly Sunday broadcast in December unfortunately could not again be well received, and the New Year Broadcast, as also the First-Sunday-of-the-Month Broadcast in January were not on the air at all in New Zealand.

However, the daily broadcasts from Switzerland on wave lengths 48-66 from 5.45 p.m. till 6.40 p.m. can still be well heard, although they sometimes are jammed by two American Broadcasts. Our members are invited to continue listening in to the daily Swiss Broadcasts on above wave lengths and to the next First-Sunday-of-the-Month Broadcast on the 1st February 1942 (wave lengths 20.64 and 26.31 from 5.45 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.). In the meantime Radiodiffusion, Berne, will be informed by cable of the present difficulties in receiving the First-Sunday-of-the-Month Broadcasts.

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#### AUCKLAND DISTRICT ACTIVITIES.

A recent meeting held by the Auckland "Social Committee" decided to arrange a picnic for members and their families, as well as non-members of Swiss residing in Auckland and Province and their friends.

This first annual picnic is to take place at the Blockhouse Bay Beach, Manakau Harbour, on February 8th, 1942. This lovely beach is well suited for this purpose, as plenty of sheltered spots are available, as well as spacious level grounds. The younger set will arrange games and plays, and the older people will doubtless join together in singing some of our popular Folk songs. Attractive prizes are donated by the committee and friends, for the sports activities, and we hope all the young people will turn up in force.

Personal invitations will be sent out in good time. You will meet many old friends at this picnic and make new acquaintances among our compatriots; so please turn up and make the occasion a success.

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#### SUBSCRIPTION AND MEMBERSHIP.

May we remind members that the annual subscription fee of sh.10/- was due on October 1. Please forward payment to the new Secretary, Mr. Herman Schlatter, 2nd Floor, T. & G. Building, Wellington. Mr. Schlatter has asked us to request members not to send any bank notes through the mail, as this is against the law. Such a letter, which he recently received, was opened by the Censor and Mr. Schlatter had to pay a fine. The best way of paying dues is by mailing Postal Notes to the Secretary. We are also very pleased to state, that many of our members are helping our Society along with a little more than just the annual dues of sh.10/-. Remittances of £1 indeed are not seldom. This is a good example to follow!

NEW MEMBER: We have pleasure in welcoming the following new member:

K. Schoenenberger, P.O. Box 267, HAWERA.

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#### 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. E. CATTIN, 19 Willis Street, Wellington: Jeweller and Watchmaker.  
MR. JOHN STEINER JNR., Tahuna Road, Morrinsville: 1st class Clover Honey.  
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MR. TONY KOMMINOTH, Wellington: visit his new "Lido Tea Rooms",  
118 Courtenay Place, Wellington.  
MR. L. LEUTHARD, New Plymouth: visit his "Hygienic Dining Rooms".  
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