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Of these 13 were blank and 198 valid. While the majority necessary for election was 100, M. Max Petitpierre has been elected with 195 votes.

M. Max Petitpierre is a Citizen of Neuchatel and Couvet, born in Neuchatel on February 26th, 1899. He studied Law in Neuchatel, Zurich and Munich and obtained his degree in 1924 in Neuchatel. His specialities are Swiss and International Private Rights and he has elaborated a number of works in this Domain. From 1926 to 1931 and from 1938 to 1944 M. Petitpierre lectured on International Private Rights at the University of Neuchatel. In 1942 he was elected President of the Swiss Watch Chamber of Commerce. In 1937 he was elected to the Cantonal Parliament as a representative of the Radical Party ( Liberal) and in 1942 he was elected to the States Council. Two years later on 14th December 1944, he was elected Federal Councillor in succession to M. Pilet-Golaz. Since then he has been at the Head of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

A visitor to New Zealand will be Mr George Dunand a former delegate and Director of the International Red Cross Committee. At present he is an interpreter at the International Labour Office in which capacity he is attending a meeting in Wellington.

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