Zeitschrift: Helvetia: magazine of the Swiss Society of New Zealand

Herausgeber: Swiss Society of New Zealand

Band: 17 (1952)

Heft: [12]

Rubrik: Notice

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: 26.10.2025

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

which had to be bored through the hard limestone and gneiss of the Eiger and Monch mountains. This tunnel was completed in February, 1912, and the terminal station, constructed at a height of 11,340 feet, was opened six months later.

A unique masterpiece of railway engineering, the line had cost 15 million francs, took 16 years to complete, and its construction was beset throughout by tough negotiations between financiers. Then, in 1924, tough negotiations between financiers. Then, in the comfortable Berghaus Hotel opened its doors. was followed, in 1931, by the opening of the High Alpine Scientific Research Station (foreseen and partly Alpine Scientific Research Station (toreseen and party financed by Adolf Guyer-Zeller, the man who pioneered the line), and six years later by the Sphinx Meteorological Observatory at a height of 11,723 ft. Thanks to the Wengernalp and the Jungfrau railways, travellers leaving the region of trees and meadows of Grindel-world or Lauterbrunnen can in two hours reach the wald or Lauterbrunnen can, in two hours, reach the land of high peaks and eternal snows. The contrast is startling. The Jungfrau line is 5.75 miles long and has a maximum gradient of one in four, and in about one hour climbs more than 4593 feet.

Reduction of the Swiss Gasoline Price.

On November 1, the price of gasoline was reduced from 63 to 61 centimes per liter in Switzerland. decision resulted from discussions held between the gasoline distributors and Federal price control officials. of the determining factors was the recent decrease of overseas freight rates.

High Petroleum Imports.

Swiss imports of petroleum products have reached a new record. In September of this year, total imports were valued at 9.4 million francs compared with 8.8 million francs in September, 1951. The import of gasoline during the first nine months has risen from 62.3 million francs last year to 69.6 this year.

Swiss Railway Cars for Mexico.

Schindler Rail Cars Ltd. in Pratteln, is currently delivering a series of 57 railway carriages weighing 45 tons each to Mexico. These cars are furnished with the most modern equipment. Mexico seems to have had two reasons for placing this order with the Swiss company. It is an acknowledgement, in some way, of the increasing quality and skill which Swiss workmanship is developing in this particular line of construction. In the second place, the Schindler cars are only half as expensive as those of their American competitors.

Tradition in the Swiss Textile Industry.

Silk manufacturing has been an established industry in Zurich and its vicinity for several hundred years. In many cases, silk weaving firms which have existed for a long time can trace their origins back to still older textile mills that have ceased operation in the meantime. An outstanding example is the firm of Heer and Co. Ltd., silk manufacturers, of Thalwil, near Zurich. Heer and Co. manufacturers, of Thalwil, near Zurich. Heer and Co. have their origins in a cotton printing firm established more than a century ago which later expanded into several branches. One of these was a dyeing works which still exists in Zurich today. Eighty years ago, the original company was converted into what is now known as Heer and Co. This firm has specialized for a long time in the production of plain silks for umbrellas which are exported all over the world. The firm has in fact achieved worldwide recognition in this special line which testifies for the well-known quality of Swiss products in general. Increased Industrialization.

During the last seventy years, Switzerland has become industrialized so rapidly that even the outward appearance of the country has been thoroughly altered. According to the 1888 census of population, 364 persons out of every 1000 were employed in agriculture. By 1920, this figure had dropped to 244. In 1951, it has reached an all-time low of 167.

NOTICE.

Compatriots who are interested to revive Social Activities among the Swiss in Auckland and wish to take an active part on the Committee, are asked to write to A. Peyer, 48 Moa Road, Auckland, W.3.

I beg to advise my many customers that the partnership RONCHI & MELTZER has been dissolved.

My new and modern Sausage Kitchen will be ready within a few days and all orders will be executed with greatest care.

A. MELTZER

536 Karangahape Road, Auckland, C.2

PHONE 34-055

BRIDAL GIFTS

SWISS EMBROIDERED ORGANDY, BATISTE, MUS-LIN, 36in. width, in lovely pastel shades and white. From 17/6 yard.

ST. GALL GUIPURE COLLARS, REVERES, heavily From 19/9 to 50/embroidered. VESTETTES, embroidered, smart with costumes.

From 21/- to 55/-CHINESE TABLE EXQUISITELY EMBROIDERED LINEN SETS, in all sizes. From 57/6 per set

FILET LACE BEDSPREADS.

WHITE DAMASK CLOTHS.
BRIDAL LINGERIE SETS.
HORROCKS'S SHEETS: 63x100 @ 49/6; 80x100 @ 69/6

VANTONA TOWELS: 24x48, attractive pattern, heavy quality, @ 13/9 each. Mail-Orders:

EXCLUSIVE TEXTILES & TRADING CO. LTD., Box 85, AUCKLAND. E. MERZ, Proprietor.

> Genuine SWISS "GAMSY"

GRUYERE CHEESE HUTCHINSON BROS. LTD.

P.O. Box 951, Auckland

also at

GOODES GROCERY, Hamilton

and

LENZ DELICATESSEN, Tauranga

CORRESPONDENCE: Please address the Secretary,

MR. E. MERZ, P.O. Box 85, Auckland.

Printed by McKenzie, Thornton, Cooper Ltd., 126 Cuba St., Wellington. for the Swiss Benevolent Society in New Zealand (Inc.).