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## CITY SWISS CLUB.

The members of the City Swiss Club assembled on Saturday, December 6th, at Brown's Hotel for the last Monthly Meeting and Luncheon to be held in the present year.

The fact, that the Meeting was to be followed by a causerie and a show of pictures by an eminent member of the Club, brought a large number of our compatriots to the Headquarters of the Club.

From the Swiss Legation were present: M. de Jenner, Chargé d'Affaires, Messieurs Girardet, de Rham, Capitaine Schlegel, M. Hilfiker, and from the Special Division: M. Preiswerk, Head of the Division, Messieurs Moretti, Dominicé, Huber, Stauffer, Dr. Bircher and Zobrist.

The Swiss Bank Corporation was represented by Mr. Lorsignol and Dr. de Wolff.

An excellent Luncheon consisting of Assiette Tessinoise, Dindonneau de Norfolk à la Broche, Pommes Fondantes, Choux de Bruxelles, and Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce was served, which created a happy and festive atmosphere, and soon kindled that spirit of Xmas feeling, which in spite of the serious times we are passing through, cannot altogether be obliterated.

The President, M. L. Chapuis, after having proposed the toasts to H. M. the King and Switzerland, expressed his pleasure at the large gathering extending a special welcome to M. de Jenner, who represented the Swiss Minister who was unavoidably prevented from being present.

The business part of the Meeting was finished with in record time and everyone settled down in anticipation to enjoy the second part of the Meeting.

The President, amidst acclamation introduced M. W. Preiswerk, a member of the Club, who had kindly consented to give a short compte rendu of his recent trip to the United States and Canada covering a distance of about 20,000 miles.

The description of the journey by the speaker was most interesting, and the witty way of its delivery caused at times, great amusement.

Much appreciated were the numerous and beautiful coloured photos, mostly from the Eastern part of Canada.

M. L. Chapuis, President of the City Swiss Club, expressed on behalf of all the members present, his thanks to M. Preiswerk for the most enjoyable and interesting causerie, which, no doubt, filled everyone with longing to one day visit this vast continent so rich in natural beauty.

In wishing everyone a happy Xmas, as far as present times may permit, he closed one of the most entertaining meetings the Club has held in the past.

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## SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The Monthly Meeting of the Society was held at Swiss House on Saturday, December 13th. Mr. J. J. Boos was in the Chair, and the Meeting was well attended.

After Mr. J. Fleur de Lys had been unanimously elected a member of the Society, the Chairman gave a résumé of the activities of the parent Society in Switzerland, with particular reference to the propaganda drive to increase the membership to 45,000. He also reported that the first English course at Frohburg had been successfully concluded and that a second course would begin middle of January.

The meeting then adjourned to the lecture room. The Committee, encouraged by the great success of the film show in November, had arranged another film show. This time it was an Englishman, Mr. T. S. Lutas, a great admirer of our country, who showed us a series of films depicting the beauties of our homeland. Mr. Lutas is a member of the Amateur Cinema League, yet the films he showed might well have been taken by a professional, such was the excellence of the photography.

The first of the six films of this veritable "Tour de Suisse" started with an excellent map of the country, the rivers, lakes and railways running across the map like snakes to portray their course more vividly. The itinerary began with the capital, Berne, and one could soon see from the titles and pictures that the lecturer was both an artist and a writer. The Bernese Oberland figured prominently in the films and all the famous sights, such as most of us know them, appeared before our eyes, recalling happy days spent in times that seem quickly to be receding into the past, but evoking a great desire for the day when these scenes of unforgettable beauty can be visited again. Many of the pictures, such as the glaciers, the Blue Lake, etc., were in colour, which greatly enhanced their charm. Apart from the well known views the lecturer often left the trodden path to show us scenery which perhaps very few of those present had witnessed. Of striking beauty were the panoramic views of the mountain ranges and coloured pictures of mountain peaks silhouetted against the light of sunrise and sunset. The splendour of these giants of the Alps was shown from almost every conceivable angle and the effects of light and shade were singularly well contrasted. But the views were not confined to mountain scenery alone. Town and country life was also vividly portrayed and anyone who had not visited Switzerland could have obtained a very comprehensive idea of the country from this show. One could see that Mr. Lutas had been a regular visitor to our country, for he must have spent a great deal of his time in securing so many pictures, and it was a great tribute from an audience composed largely of Swiss, that such a large proportion of his views were applauded for their excellence. Apart from the places already mentioned, views were included of the regions of Lake Geneva, Lucerne, Lugano, etc., but it is not the purpose of this report to enumerate all the many places visited, as they are all so very familiar to Swiss readers. All present, however, had been taken back in their minds to the days of their childhood and pleasant holidays. It also brought home to them once again how grateful we Swiss have to be that our beautiful country has been spared the ravages of war. These sentiments were very ably

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