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A JUBILEE.**ERNEST FREDERICK SOMMER.**

On the 16th of May, Mr. E. F. Sommer, Chairman and Managing-Director of the World Transport Agency, 1, Martin Lane, Cannon Street, London, E.C.4., has celebrated his 40th anniversary as Chairman of the Board, and Managing-Director of the above mentioned concern, and we tender him on this auspicious occasion our heartiest congratulations.

Mr. Sommer was born in 1879 and began his career in a Shipping and Banking House in Basle, later entering the offices of one of the largest Transport and Travel Agencies in London. His activities were directed to gain experience in the principal European countries, and later he was called back to fill an important post in the Company's headquarters.

In 1913, he founded the World Transport Agency, Ltd., International Shipping and Forwarding Agents, a concern which allowed him to exercise his powers of organisation and able management. This latter company has, during nearly forty years, developed into a world-wide organisation with English branches in all the important centres of Lancashire and Yorkshire. The head offices are at No. 1, Martin Lane, Cannon Street, London, E.C.4, with a Subsidiary Company in Covent Garden, to deal with the fruit and vegetable traffic.

Mr. Sommer has not only concerned himself with land and sea transport, but in moving with the times, has founded a Company, World Air Express, Limited, which deals exclusively with the air traffic. He has, for many years, been a member of the Institute of Transport and is a Fellow of the Institute of Shipping and Forwarding Agents.

Apart from his many business activities, Mr. Sommer has taken an interest in the doings of the Swiss Colony in London. He became a member of the City Swiss Club in 1906, and of the Swiss Mercantile Society in 1917; he is also a member of the Swiss Economic Council.

Mr. Sommer has only recently recovered from a serious illness, and we hope, that a kind Providence, will allow him to remain amongst us for many more years to come.

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