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SWISS MINISTER'S VISIT TO SCOTLAND.

On the 14th October the Swiss communities in Glasgow and Balloch had the pleasure of welcoming the Swiss Minister, Monsieur H. de Torrenté, and Madame de Torrenté. The Swiss Minister was accompanied by Mr. Guido Lepori, First Secretary of Legation, and Mr. Schneider, Consul in Manchester. The party was received in Balloch by Consul E. Hofstetter.

The Swiss Minister and his party had a busy programme for the day. There was an invitation by the Lord Provost of Glasgow to lunch in the City Chambers, with members of the Town Council, after which the visitors had the opportunity of attending a meeting of the Town Council. The friendly reception and hospitality shown by Lord Provost Kerr was very much appreciated.

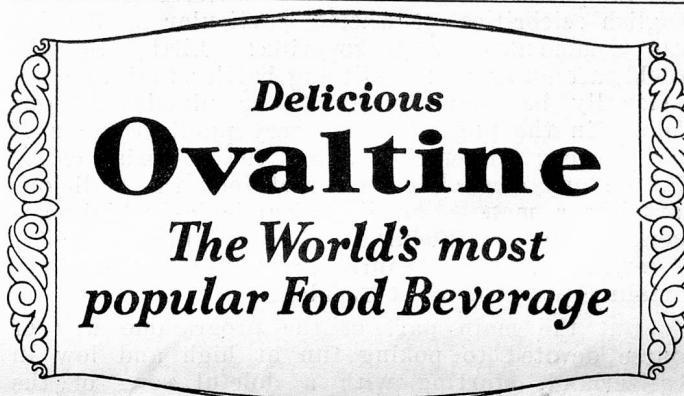
In the afternoon the Cathedral and Art Gallery were visited, and in the evening the Swiss Minister and his party attended a Swiss gathering in Glasgow, where representatives from the Swiss Clubs in Dunfermline and Balloch were present. The evening was a complete success, and everyone appreciated the presence of the Swiss Minister and Madame de Torrenté. Speeches were made in English, French, Swiss and Italian. It was the first time in at least twenty-two years that a Swiss Minister from London had visited the Glasgow and Balloch communities. During the evening Mr. Naef, representative of the Swissair for Scotland, addressed the Minister on behalf of the Swiss in Glasgow, and a bouquet of flowers was presented to Madame de Torrenté.

Monsieur and Madame de Torrenté won the hearts of the Swiss, and no doubt the Swiss in Glasgow and Balloch are sad to lose their Minister after meeting him for the first time. The Swiss in Scotland send their best wishes to Monsieur and Madame de Torrenté, on the appointment of Monsieur de Torrenté to his new post in Washington. We sincerely hope that the contact made by our Minister and Madame de Torrenté with the Swiss in Scotland will also be upheld by his successor.

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NEWS FROM THE LEGATION

The Swiss Minister and Madame Henry de Torrenté gave a cocktail party at the Legation, on Tuesday, October 21st, in honour of the members of the "Rueblisaft" Cabaret.

**CITY SWISS CLUB****89th Annual Banquet and Ball**

FRIDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 1954

at the

DORCHESTER HOTEL, PARK LANE, LONDON, W.1.*In the Chair***MONSIEUR HENRY DE TORRENTÉ, MINISTRE DE SUISSE (Honorary President)****RECEPTION 7 p.m. • DINNER at 7.30 p.m. • DANCING until 1 a.m.****Orchestra : LES BROWN and his Orchestra****EVENING DRESS (TAILS OR DINNER JACKET OR UNIFORM)****TICKETS £1 12. 6. (including gratuities)***Tables for parties of 10 or 12 can be arranged in due course.*