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RETIREMENT OF MR. CHARLES MAYR.

Mr. Charles Mayr, whose retirement at the end of the year from the Management of the Swiss Bank Corporation is announced, has long been a distinguished and popular member of the Swiss colony in London.

He was born in Zürich on the 19th December, 1888 and after his school years in Zürich and Lausanne served an apprenticeship with the Banque Populaire Suisse in Zürich, where he also served for a short time on the clerical staff. In 1908 however, he joined the Swiss Bank Corporation in Zürich, and in 1910 was transferred to their London Office where he was attached to the Commercial Credit Department. When war was imminent in July, 1914, he was called-up to the Swiss Army and with many of his colleagues returned to Switzerland for military duties on the frontiers. At the end of that year, however, he was released to return to London and throughout the years which have followed, his interests have been principally centred on the documentary credit side of the banking business. In 1947 he was promoted to the position of Deputy Manager.

Mr. Mayr is known widely, not only in the City but among a vast circle of banking and commercial friends in all parts of the World, as a most knowledgeable expert in the documentary credit business, and the wise and considered advice which he was always willing to give to his callers, will be greatly missed.

Outside the banking profession he was a member of the City Swiss Club and of the Swiss Mercantile Society, and the interesting talks which he gave to the members of the latter on several occasions will be remembered by those who were present. He was also a passive member of the Swiss Male Choir. For many years, Mr. Mayr was Chairman of the Swiss Bank Sports Club, and his prowess as leader of the then famous tug-of-war team is still remembered, while his general enthusiasm for sport was always an encouragement to the younger members of the Club.

Mr. Mayr is a family man, with a son and two daughters, and a very small granddaughter. We offer him our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

SAMUEL LORSIGNOL †.

Mr. Samuel Lorsignol who died on the 29th of November, 1954, at his home in Sevenoaks, in his 81st year, was well-known to a wide circle of friends in the City of London, and in international banking circles.

He joined the Staff of the Swiss Bank Corporation in London in 1924 as a Manager, having previously been a Manager of the Banque Française et Italienne pour l'Amerique du Sud in Buenos Aires and he retained throughout his period of banking activity in London a close personal association with South America and with his native land of France. He retired from the active service of the Swiss Bank Corporation in June, 1945.



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The Dinner will be followed by a game of Jass, Bridge or Canasta.

Members wishing to be present should send their card to the Manager of the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. to reach him not later than Monday, January 10th, 1955.

Ch. GYSIN

Hon. Secretary.