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### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The December meeting was held at Swiss House and was attended by about 40 members and friends.

Arising out of the minutes, and in correction of the report in the Swiss Observer, Mr. W. Meier stated that Mr. Ansermot of the Swiss Legation had informed him that the Reciprocity agreement between U.K. and Switzerland was already signed but still required ratification by the Swiss Parliament. This was expected to be completed before the end of the year.

Mr. Bruno Berger was accepted as a member. On the other hand we transferred Mr. René Friedli to Basle, and Mr. J. A. Hilber to Gossau. We also accepted the resignation of Mr. Walter Roos, an engineer who was now working in the country, of Mr. Emile Siegrist, who had been very active in the Swiss Club in recent years, and who donated £5.5.0. towards any charitable purpose connected with our Society on resigning, and of Mr. Erwin Schrepfer.

*Items of Interest.* We have received a circular inviting gifts of money and prizes for the Tir Federal 1954. The matter will go before the President Assembly.

Double Taxation appears now to have been abolished, according to the Press. Look out for further details in the Swiss Observer.

The Nouvelle Société Helvétique Youth Club, run by Mr. and Mrs. Bachofen since Mr. and Mrs. Isacco, have returned to Switzerland, are looking for another couple or couples to take over the management of the Club either wholly or in part. Offers are invited to Dr. Egli, c/o Swiss House.

34, Fitzroy Square. Repairs and decorations are proceeding apace. Mr. Krucker was excused absent, being abroad on business. As chairman of the House Committee he will report on his subject to one of our early monthly meetings.

The Fête Suisse may be held in April, while the Swiss Sports have been fixed for the middle of May at the Polytechnic Ground at Chiswick.


At this point we went over to the main attraction of the evening, i.e. four films kindly lent and exhibited by the Swiss National Tourist Office and entitled:

1. In the powder snow of the Jungfrauoch.
2. Winged holiday (a journey to Switzerland by Swiss-Air).
3. Swiss Towns No. 2 Series Neuchâtel, Bâle, Soleure, St. Gall, Zurich, Lucerne.
4. Ski-ing in Spring-time.

It was an hour of sheer delight, convincing us again and again that there is no end to the beautiful aspects of our dear homeland.

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