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THE YEAR-BOOK OF STATISTICS OF SWITZERLAND. The 61st year of this interesting work, published through the good offices of the Federal Bureau of Statistics at Berne is entirely devoted to 1952. In more than 600 pages, the most widely varied subjects are presented. It goes from the chapter on the Swiss population to that of education, passing by way of the labour market, tourism and transportation, business, industry, trades and agriculture; the various forms of insurance also have their place in these pages and it is likewise with hygiene and sport. One will study with interest the table giving, on the 31st of May 1953, the manner of election of the executive powers and the legislative authorities of the 25 cantons of the Confederation, as well as the composition of the legislative deputations in the National Council, by cantons and by parties, with a table of the respective electors. The results of the various federal votings organised in 1952 are also detailed. Several pages are devoted to international comparisons of population, production, business, the money market, the national income and transportation and communications. The evolution of the population of the continents, from 1913, is also detailed in this volume, which is a credit to the Federal Bureau of Statistics, whose contribution is always invaluable in the study of the most varied problems.

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RECORD PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL MARKSMANSHIP CONTEST, LAUSANNE (8th-25th JULY). The organisers of the Federal Marksmanship Contest of Lausanne have pointed out with great satisfaction that 2,149 shooting societies have sent word of their participation in the competition by group at 300 metres, and 400 will participate in the competition by group with the pistol.

This Federal Marksmanship Contest will bring together, on the basis of the present figures, 120 groups more than that of Chur (Canton Grisons), five years ago; from now on its success seems to be already largely assured, since two thirds of the shooting societies of the country will be represented.

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THE GENEVA FESTIVALS. These great events will take place, this year, from the 13th to the 16th of August. A theme which seems to be very happily inspired has been adopted for the folklore procession, under the title of "French provinces and Swiss cantons".

On Saturday the 14th and Sunday the 15th of August, in the afternoon, the Grand Corso Fleuri (the Great Procession of Flowers) will take place and on Saturday evening, August 14th, there will be the traditional fireworks display in the imposing setting of the Geneva roadstends.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAMPING SITES. At a recent meeting of the Swiss Federation of Camping Clubs in Zurich, a motion was adopted to extend the network of camping sites; to further this development, subscription rates will be increased. Fifty new camping sites are to feature in Switzerland's 1954 list.

SWISS SPORTS.

A full report of the Swiss Sports Festival held on Saturday, May 29th, 1954, will appear in our issue of June 11th, 1954.