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NEWS FROM THE COLONY.



CHAS. GYSIN.
President of the City Swiss Club.

We have much pleasure in introducing to our readers, Mr. Chas. Gysin, who has recently been elected President of the City Swiss Club for 1955/56, in succession to Mr. R. Pfenninger who, after two years, has relinquished the Presidency.

Mr. Gysin hails from the canton of Geneva, he was born in Marseilles in 1889, and when still a child went to live in Antwerp where he completed his studies.

In 1909, he returned to Marseilles to join an old established Swiss firm dealing in the grain trade; two years after (1911), he was sent to their Genoa branch, and in 1912 to Nicolaieff (Black Sea) where an agency was founded. Early in 1914 he was transferred to their London Office.

At the beginning of the first world war, August 2nd, 1914, Mr. Gysin was called up, and for several months served with the infantry battalion 10 (Geneva). On his return to this country, and on the voluntary liquidation of his firm, he occupied several posts in the grain and seed trade until December, 1926, when he was appointed a Director of the European Grain Agency Ltd., which was established in London on the 1st of January, 1927, and is now called the European Grain and Shipping Agency, Ltd.

In 1939, at the outbreak of the second world war, Mr. Gysin was entrusted by the "Kriegs Transport Amt" in Berne with the task of acting as *homme de*

confiance to deal and keep this office informed regarding questions relating to freights, shipping in general, and more especially concerning the time-chartered Greek fleet, the use of which the Swiss Confederation had acquired when the International situation became ominous.

The new President joined the City Swiss Club in 1915, and since 1951 has held the post of Hon. Secretary. In 1950, he was elected President of the Consistoire of the Eglise Suisse de Londres. His hobby is stamp collecting.

We are extending to him our best wishes for a successful year of office.

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