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THE SIMPLON TUNNEL ANNIVERSARY ANECDOTE.

Brigue, Switzerland — The inauguration festivities for the Simplon Tunnel in 1906 were marked by several military inspections by the King of Italy and the President of Switzerland at Domodossola and Brigue. The Swiss honor guard, which perhaps could not compete with the resplendent and rather pompous attire of the Italians, made nevertheless a faultless impression. It was raining and cold. The Swiss officers demonstrating their foresight, shortly before the arrival of the Italian King gave a brisk order unique in the annals of military history: "Blow your noses"! What a sight when the disciplined soldiers pulled their handkerchiefs from their pockets! And what an unprecedented expedient measure of caution! — It is to be hoped, that this order will not be necessary on May 19th when the Italian President, Signor Gronchi, and the Swiss President, Dr. Feldmann, will meet for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Simplon tunnel in Brigue, since on this memorable day in the Rhone Valley, the sun — the symbol of the Canton of Valais — should welcome the festive crowd.

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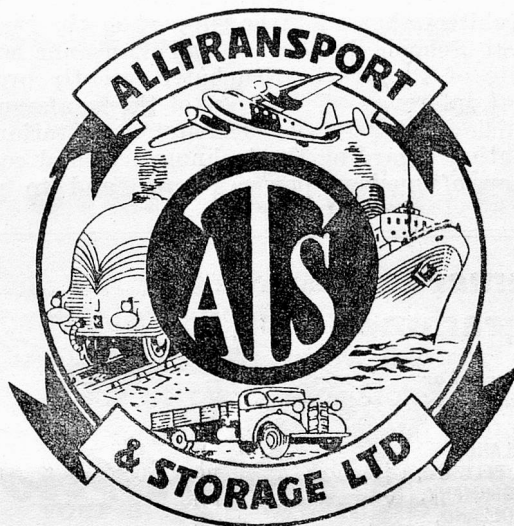
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