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A JUBILEE.

This month it is 50 years since Mr. Charles Mayr, a former Deputy Manager of the London Office of the Swiss Bank Corporation, arrived in this country, and we are sending him our heartiest congratulations on this half century jubilee.

He was born in Zurich on the 19th December 1888 and after his school years in Zurich and Lausanne served an apprenticeship with the Banque Populaire Suisse in Zurich, where he also served for a short time on the clerical staff. In 1908 however, he joined the Swiss Bank Corporation in Zurich, 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 with many of his colleagues and friends — amongst them the writer — 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 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 from which post he retired at the end of 1954 on reaching the age limit.

Mr. Mayr was widely known, 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 was greatly appreciated.

Outside the banking profession he was, and still is, a member of the City Swiss Club and of the Swiss Mercantile Society. For many years Mr. Mayr was Chairman of the Swiss Bank Sports Club, and his prowess as leader of the famous tug-of-war team at the Swiss Sports is still remembered.

Mr. Mayr is a family man, with a son and two daughters. We hope he will remain amongst us for many more years to come.

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