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BUSINESS IN SWITZERLAND

The Success of OLMA

This year OLMA, the 19th Swiss Agricultural and Dairy Trade Fair, held in Saint-Gall each autumn, once again met with great success. While last year over 300,000 visitors were recorded, this year the figure exceeded 325,000. Such a large attendance naturally resulted in an appreciable increase in the business transacted by the 1,100 exhibitors.

Geneva Industrial Concern's Success Abroad

The Charmilles Engineering Works Ltd., Geneva, a firm specialising in the manufacture of hydraulic turbines, received an order for three of the five groups of Pelton turbines for the equipment of a hydro-electric power station belonging to the Austrian Power Company in the Tyrol. Each group will develop an output of 106,500 h.p. under a maximum head of 2,920 feet. The Geneva firm has been entrusted with the complete technical planning of the three machines as well as the manufacture of their main parts.

The same firm has also just received an order for three Francis turbines with a maximum output of 103,000 h.p. each, under a head of 1,530 feet, for a hydro-electric power station in Yugoslavia. In this case, too, the complete planning as well as the manufacture of a large part of the equipment will be carried out in Geneva.

Swiss Industrial Expansion Abroad

For the purpose of adjusting to continuously growing tasks in the United States, the Swiss Engineering Firm, Buhler Bros. of Uzwil, has merged its two representations in New York and Minneapolis into a new company, the "Buhler Corporation", with residence in Minneapolis.

This Swiss firm, well known for its production in the field of flour milling and grain transport plant, had a brand new building of its own in Minneapolis for storing machinery and spare parts as well as an assembly plant workshop.

Swiss Industry in India

The first contracts, concluded in agreement with the Government of India under the Indo-Swiss credit agreement, within the third Indian Five-year Plan, have just been signed for the supply of equipment for various chemical products factories. These new installations will be planned, supplied and put into operation by an engineering office in Zurich. Three factories producing caustic soda, chlorine and related products are to be equipped; several Swiss machinery and electro-technical firms will be entrusted with the manufacture of the necessary machinery and plant.

Also in India, a Swiss alarm-clock factory, in collaboration with a French firm of the same branch, has just founded a company with Indian capital for the manufacture of alarm clocks.

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