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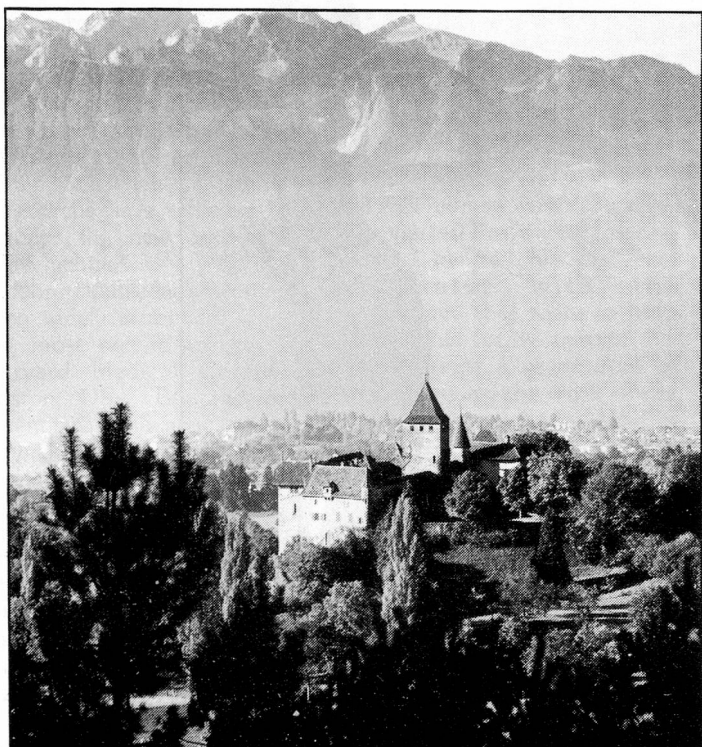
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Vevey and Montreux lie between two wine growing areas in a region which was producing wine 1,000 years ago.



The Castle of Blonay near the Chaplin home

Holiday spot that has everything

THE twin resorts of Vevey and Montreux have long been popular holiday spots with visitors from Britain.

Indeed, the region known as the Swiss Riviera has been attracting visitors since the 18th century. The English poets Byron and Shelley spent time in the area and it was, in fact, Byron who was to immortalise Chillon Castle, the 13th century fortress that lies just outside Montreux.

Situated on the sunny side of the lake, the area enjoys a very mild and pleasant climate to which palms, pomegranates and other exotic plants bear enthusiastic witness.

There are 10 miles of attractive bays around the edge of the tranquil lake, but for those who want something a little more active there is a wealth of sporting and

recreational activities available.

Visitors can enjoy horse riding, swimming, golf and walking throughout the year, and during the winter months there is alpine and cross-country skiing.

In the summer, however, many visitors take to the water to enjoy wind surfing, sailing or rowing. The less skilled may settle for a patio, and the less energetic are content to soak up the sun with a nearby fishing rod as their contribution to the sporting life.

There are many more attractions, too. In the winter months the coffee-shops and theatres attract many people, as do the blooming narcissus fields in late spring.

There are open-air folk music concerts during July and August while September sees a major music festival.