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Fred Ward Remembers...

The first in a series of photographs showing Swiss transport as it was some thirty years ago.

The photograph shows Interlaken Ost as it

was on 22 March 1963. The BOB HGe3/3 locomotive is believed to be No.23. Brünig HG3/3 No 1067 is shunting a standard gauge van on a transporter wagon while in the far distance both old and (then) new BOB coaches can be seen. I don't think I could have got more interest in that shot.

Editor's Jottings

We are indeed fortunate that our President has such excellent contacts in the Swiss railway industry and is able to provide us with the sort of information that is normally very hard to come by. In this issue he has eclipsed his previous efforts on our behalf with a very detailed account of the revolutionary SBB Re460 class locomotive. As most members are aware, the "defects" in these fine machines have received a good deal of adverse and wholly uninformed criticism. As Dr.Hauser-Gubser has explained, some of the new equipment needed a little tweaking, and other small changes were needed to ensure that the equipment operated at optimum efficiency. Overseas interest is considerable, for the advantages of asynchronous drive are substantial but hitherto the fact that the speed control was limited, to say the least prevented its widespread use.

The President's contributions embellish

rather than diminish the valuable support we receive from members, not merely in the way of articles, but from individual observations. Whilst the accounts of the recent disasters in Switzerland are the most obvious news items, notes on out of course workings and unusual arrangements are particularly welcome.

On the whole, I prefer the brief approach if for no other reason than the fact I have to retype the material. Three A4 pages full of lists of train formations and similar tabular material are apt to bring a glazed look to the editor's eyes. However, if an IBM compatible disk, 3.5 or 5.25 format can be provided for anything above a couple of short paragraphs, so much the better. My software can cope with most common formats, but as it is necessary to insert special formatting commands for the DTP program, please restrict any embellishments to plain tab shifts for tabular material.