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Wattwil Weaving School

We have already spoken here on several occasions * about this interesting institute of vocational training. We should like to draw attention, with a delay due merely to circumstances beyond our control, to the inauguration of the new premises of this school, which took place during the month of June this year.



View of part of the Weaving School at Wattwil. On the left an old part of the building in which are the administrative services; on the right, one of the new buildings, housing a machine room; in the center, an old machine room which was transformed in a drawing room and auditory.

It is seventy years this spring since the Wattwil Weaving School started with only 12 pupils. Up till the present moment, more than 2000 young men and women have passed out of this school equipped with the professional knowledge necessary for them to be able to earn their living in the textile industry and trade. Intended for vocational training in the fields of cotton, linen and wool, the Wattwil School is supported by the professional associations of these branches as well as by the governments of the different cantons concerned. Realising that it would have to meet new demands after the war, its directors undertook to bring it up to date in good time, and as early as 1944, as a result of a fundamental reorganisation in the educational programme, the decision was taken to enlarge the premises. It was to be a long-term undertaking with a view to allowing the school

to fulfil its task after the war under the best possible conditions in order to meet the increased demand for specialised workers in the textile industry.

We cannot attempt here to go into all the details of the renovation which, carried out in stages, ended in the official inauguration of the new premises. Let us simply say that, in its new form, the Weaving School is very well equipped to render to the Swiss textile industry the services expected of it. The machine rooms are equipped with the very latest products of Swiss textile machinery manufacturers, who regularly place them at the disposal of the institute, so that pupils may become familiar with the most modern machinery.

Having known how to adapt itself to modern conditions at the psychological moment, the Wattwil Weaving School is well on the way to celebrating its first centenary. We are sure that between now and then it will continue to prove its vitality by always remaining equal to the tasks entrusted to it.

* See *Textiles Suisses* N° 2/1948, p. 91.

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Inauguration of the new premises: during the official visit, Federal Councillor Rubattel, Swiss Minister of Public Economy (left) listens to the explanations of the President of the School, Mr. Fr. Huber, Wattwil; further to the right, Mr. M. Schubiger, Director of the School, and Mr. Jean Pozzi, National Councillor, Wattwil.

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