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Général de la Suisse Romande of the S.K.V., who in French addressed the gathering.

He voiced his thanks for the opportunity given to him to be with the S.M.S. on that memorable day and to meet so many old friends whom he had had the pleasure of greeting at the Golden Jubilee, ten years ago, and in Switzerland on many former occasions. He continued by saying, "Bien que ne possédant pas, hélas! la langue de Shakespeare, je sens mon cœur battre à l'unisson du vôtre."

He too paid a warm tribute to the College, which he termed a "Foyer de Culture," saying that the work it has achieved is not yet sufficiently realised in Switzerland. M. Losey terminated his oration with the best wishes from the "commerçants de Suisse romande." This address was acknowledged with enthusiasm.

The official part of the function then came to an end, and after a short interval dancing started. Tea was served at 4 o'clock, during which two cabaret acts were introduced. The first number consisted of two Gentlemen throwing a young Lady "all over the place," I must admit it was not a very elevating performance, and could have been left out without loss, it was certainly not a compliment to the intelligence of the audience. The second turn was a card conjurer, a clean and enjoyable act.

More dancing followed, which was greatly enjoyed especially by the younger generation. At six o'clock punctually the 60th Anniversary Celebration came to its close, it was, in every way, a success and all those who took part in it will wish the Swiss Mercantile Society

Many more Happy Returns of the Day!
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(Communicated by Swiss Legation.)

Further to the amendments of the February list, as announced in the "Swiss Observer" of October 15th, 1948, provision has since been made for U.K. import quotas for elastic net (Gummitüll), shoulder pads and wool wadding (Achselpolster & Wollwatteline), as well as under certain stipulations for viscose sponges (Viscoseschwämme) and wool carpets (Wollteppiche).

Also, an increase in the quotas for rayon ribbons (Kunstseidenbänder) and hobnails (Bergschuhnägel) has been arranged.

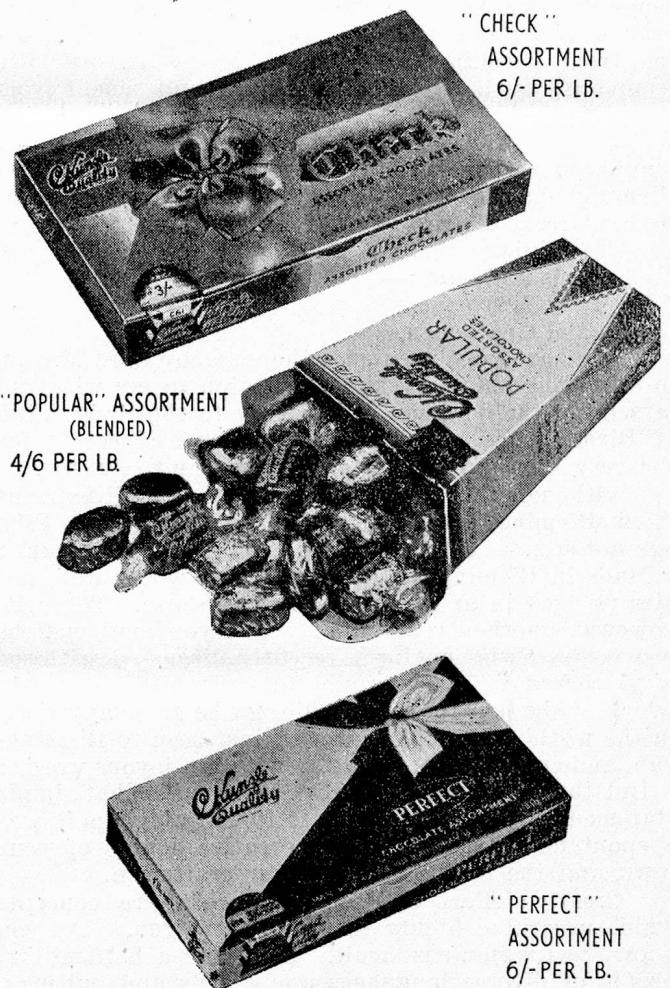
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