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SWISS CONSUL'S AUCKLAND VISIT.

Recently our Consul, Dr. Schmid, accompanied by Mrs. Schmid, visited Auckland and the majority of the local Swiss residents had the pleasure of getting personally acquainted with our popular envoy and his charming wife. An informal gathering was arranged one evening, and among other remarks Dr. Schmid explained his endeavours relative to the immigration of young Swiss to New Zealand. The Government in Wellington appears to be most sympathetic towards the scheme, but so far nothing conclusive has been done and every case will be treated individually.

We all hope to see our Consul and Mrs. Schmid again in the very near future, and we trust sincerely that they both have pleasant memories of the North.

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SWISS NATIONAL EXHIBITION.

Interesting Details.

The Exposition will occupy two large park areas on opposite sides of the lake. On the right bank will be a number of displays stressing the importance of agriculture in Swiss economic life. Various sections are to be given over to market gardening, fruit and wine-growing and cattle raising. Here, too, will be a model Swiss Village. This little "Dorfli" will feature a peasant home, a barn and dairy where butter and cheese will be turned out continuously, as well as a number of restaurants and inns where the delicacies of the four different language regions of Switzerland will be served.

Switzerland's democratic form of government seems to us quite ideal. But the Swiss apparently aren't quite satisfied. In the section "State and Society", on the left shore, social conditions in Switzerland as they are in reality will be compared to conditions as they should be from the Utopian standpoint. National defense, both economic and military, will also be included in this part of the Exposition.

Switzerland, of course, is a pioneer in tourism and it is only natural that a large section be devoted to "Resort and Travel." The Hotel on the Lake has some of its rooms arranged in the style of the nineties, while others feature all the modern conveniences Swiss hotels now offer. The hotel has a large restaurant and a lecture hall, as well as a reading room and writing room. But the special attraction will be the hotel kitchen which visitors can see in full working order.