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Forthcoming Events

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Dance . . . Saturday, 21st October, in the Pine Lodge.
Te Aroha Orchestra.

For Music Lovers . . .

The "Camerata Bern" will hold their concert in Hamilton on 18th October in the Founders Hall.

News from Switzerland

Swiss Participation in Yugoslav Railway Development

About a year ago Yugoslavia ordered high-powered locomotives from the "50-cycle Traction Union," a group of specialised industries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), comprising Swedish and Austrian companies and the Secheron Engineering Works of Geneva. Fifty-four of these machines will be imported into Yugoslavia, while the others are to be produced and assembled under license in this country. The locomotives have a unit power of 5500 HP and are capable, depending on the types, of attaining a maximum speed of 160 km/h; they are designed for all operations, from hauling heavy freight cars to pulling fast passenger trains. This summer, the first engine of this type was delivered to the Yugoslav Railways during a ceremony in which representatives of the railway and industrial sectors of Yugoslavia, Sweden, Austria and Switzerland participated.

Seventy Years Ago: the First Swiss Automobile

In Switzerland the first vehicles propelled by internal combustion engines were built in 1897, by three Swiss engineers quite independently of each other: Dufour at Nyon, Martini at Frauenfeld and St. Blaise, and Saurer at Arbon. Only the Saurer factory, known throughout the world for its trucks and motor coaches, has continued to manufacture automobiles throughout the last 70 years. At the Swiss Transport Museum in Lucerne visitors can see the chassis of a Saurer truck dating back to 1903, as well as a Martini chassis dated 1913, with a sectional view of the engine.