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THE NEW "PENDELZUGE" OF THE EBT - GROUP by Jean-Pierre Hubmann Commercial Manager (EBT)

In volume II No. 1 (1984) of "The Swiss Railway News", the EBT-Group was described and it was also mentioned that the rolling stock for the passenger service will not be renewed in the near future. As a matter of fact, 1985 was a most remarkable year for the EBT Group, as 13 new Pendelzüge were put into operation. This has never happened before and a renewal to such an extent is not likely to occur again for a long time.

In order to underline the close relationship between the population and the three "private" railway companies, each of the 13 Pendelzüge is dedicated to a village. The first Pendelzug RBDe 4/4 II received the name "Emmental" - the region world-famous for its fine cheese with the big holes ! The unveiling of the escutcheon - "Emmental" took place on Friday 8th February 1985 in Langnau. A very heavy rainfall provided a baptism with dignity ! During 1985, similar ceremonies took place in several villages.

The new Pendelzügen have thus become the ambassadors of these villages throughout the whole region. As from autumn 1985 onwards, only modern rolling stock is used for the passenger service. The old units have been taken out of traffic and most of these are destined to be scrapped.



*Left: The new Pendelzug RBDe 4/4 Nr.227 with covered escutcheon EMMENTAL.
Photo EBT.*

*Below: The escutcheon EMMENTAL on the RBDe 4/4 II Nr.227 of the EBT-Group.
Photo EBT.*

EBT: No's.	227/327	-	Region Emmental
"	228/328	-	Gerlafingen
"	229/329	-	Hasle - Ruegsau
"	230/330	-	Oberdiessbach
"	231/331	-	Kirchberg/Alchenfluh
"	232/332	-	Grosshochstetten
"	233/333	-	Lutzelflüh
VHB: No's.	262/362	-	Sumiswald
"	263/363	-	Rohrbach
"	264/364	-	Zell
"	265/365	-	Madiswil
SMB: No's.	282/382	-	Langendorf
"	283/383	-	Cremines

