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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

Minister, Dr. Jean Hotz, since 1935 Director of the Commercial Section of the Federal Economic Office (Eidg. Volkswirtschaftsdepartement), has celebrated his 60th birthday anniversary in Berne.

Born in Uster (Ct. Zurich) he studied political economy at the Universities of Zurich, Geneva and London. After an appointment with a Banking Institute, and a post as teacher at the cantonal commercial school in Zurich, he entered into the service of the Federal Economic Office, of which he was appointed Vice-Director in 1928 and Director of the commercial section in 1935.

Minister Hotz represented our Government at numerous international meetings in connection with commercial treaties. In 1947, he received the title of Minister.

The Swiss Government will be officially represented on the occasion of the initiation of the new President of the Republic of Columbia. Monsieur Ernst Schlatter, Chargé d'Affaires in Bogota will attend the celebration.

The newly appointed Canadian Minister, M. Victor Doré has presented his credentials to Monsieur

Max Petitpierre, President of the Swiss Confederation.

M. Doré had been from 1946 Canadian Ambassador in Brussels and at the same time Minister for Luxemburg.

During the month of May, 1950, the Swiss Federal Railways have carried 16.14 million passengers, or 91,000 less than in May, 1949. The receipts were reduced by 131,000.—frs. and are 23.41 million francs.

Goods traffic registers an increase on last years figures by 52,000 tons, and is given as 1.35 millions tons, the receipts of which are 26.31 million francs or 1.86 million francs more than in May, 1949.

Cantonal

A mountaineer, Ernst Wyss-Frey, aged 45, from Aarau lost his life whilst climbing in the Krönten district, near Erstfeld, his body was found in a *couloir* of the Männlisser (Ct. Uri). [A.T.S.]

The Arth Rigi Railway has celebrated its 75th Jubilee. A Banquet was held at Rigi-Klösterli to com-

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