

to both countries, the old and the new. Furthermore, we found a number of people sailing under the Swiss flag to which they are not entitled. Such situations are a discredit to those who honestly do their duty.

In future, according to the new Consular Reglement, a Swiss citizen who desires to obtain the protection of the Swiss official representation abroad, has to prove that he is registered in some Swiss Consulate or Legation. Such a registration has effect for one year and must be renewed yearly. The Swiss Consulate-General will shortly issue details regarding this question. A small fee is attached to this registration, namely \$2 for the first year and \$1 for the yearly renewal thereafter.

This very small contribution towards keeping up the maintenance of representation abroad is to be considered as a voluntary tax of the Swiss in foreign countries who find in their representation, I do not hesitate to say, a more efficient and cheaper help in hundreds of cases for which, if at home, they would have to help themselves or to address themselves to a lawyer whose fees, I dare say we all agree, would be considerably higher. Each Swiss who registers will receive the Consular Bulletin, which will thus serve as a tie between the Swiss abroad and those at home.

I will pledge here publicly and in full knowledge of the far-reaching importance of this promise, that each registered Swiss, whoever he may be, of whatever standing, will find, if his request is justified, full protection when addressing himself to the Swiss Consulate-General in Canada. The Swiss Government has sent me here to help them, to assist them, and I will do my very best to fulfil these duties conscientiously.

4. *Swiss Colony in Canada.*

I do not need to tell you much about the relation between the representatives of the Swiss Government in Canada and the Swiss Colony, because, first of all, we all understand what has to be done, and second, because most of what can be told I have already touched upon.

I will, however, not fail to tell you explicitly that I consider the reappointment of a Swiss Consul in Toronto as