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OSCAR FREY †

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing away, on the 8th of May, of Mr. Oscar Frey, Chairman and Founder of the Anglo-Swiss Screw Company Ltd., of Trout Road, West Drayton, Middlesex, at the age of 80.

Those who had the privilege of knowing the deceased were deeply impressed, not only by his keen business acumen — combined with great concern for the welfare of those working in the Companies with which he was associated — but also by his kindly disposition, generosity and sense of humour. In 1933 Mr. Frey was one of the earliest to introduce an insured pension scheme — this when the firm was still small and trade was poor. He gave his full support and interest to the group apprenticeship scheme of the Screw Manufacturers' Association (of which he was twice Chairman), and also to the introduction of family allowances, sick benefit, and the like.

The writer vividly recalls a visit to the extensive works at Trout Road, when he was much impressed by the friendliness which existed between the management and the staff; amongst them some of our own compatriots. He also had an opportunity to attend one of the annual social functions of the firm, when he was struck by the homely atmosphere which prevailed.

The deceased was a considerable benefactor in the West Drayton area. He was the founder of the local Community Centre, provided chimes for the town hall clock and supported many other local activities. Mr. Frey was president of the

142nd Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. As Chairman of the local Comforts Fund, he was responsible for raising many thousands of pounds during the last War. He and his wife have done the same for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the collections in the area being higher per head of population than almost anywhere else in this country.

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Oscar Frey was born in 1882 in Naples, the son of John Frey of Armstrong-Whitworth Ltd. He studied engineering at Winterthur, and subsequently with Brown-Boveri Ltd. in Baden. At the age of twenty-one he decided — like so many of his compatriots — to leave his native land to gain experience abroad. He joined Armstrong-Whitworth Ltd. at Newcastle, and afterwards T. Sugden Ltd. (now Sugden Powell Ltd.).

Imbued with unabated energy, tenacity and the will to succeed, he founded in 1919 the Anglo-Swiss Screw Co. Ltd. in West Drayton, Middlesex, now a well-known public company, of which he was Chairman, as also of its subsidiary, Aircraft General Supplies and Petronic Ltd., at the time of his death.

In 1905 Mr. Frey married Ida Reisser, daughter of the Mayor of Baden, and in 1955 they were able to celebrate half a century of happy mutual pilgrimage through life. He leaves a widow, daughter and son, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

A successful life has now come to its journey's end, and we part from a lovable man, who has, throughout his long life, remained loyal to his native country, which is proud of him. ST.

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