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**T**HE unceasing efforts of several generations have transformed the little workshop of La Tronche - as it was in 1854 - to the modern factory we now see in 1954 at Saint-Martin-d'Hères, a suburb of Grenoble.

In compiling the present record we have endeavoured to trace the imperceptible but rapid development of an undertaking which, although losing little of its character as a family concern, has carved its own path and at the same time adapted itself to the extremely varied external circumstances it has encountered.

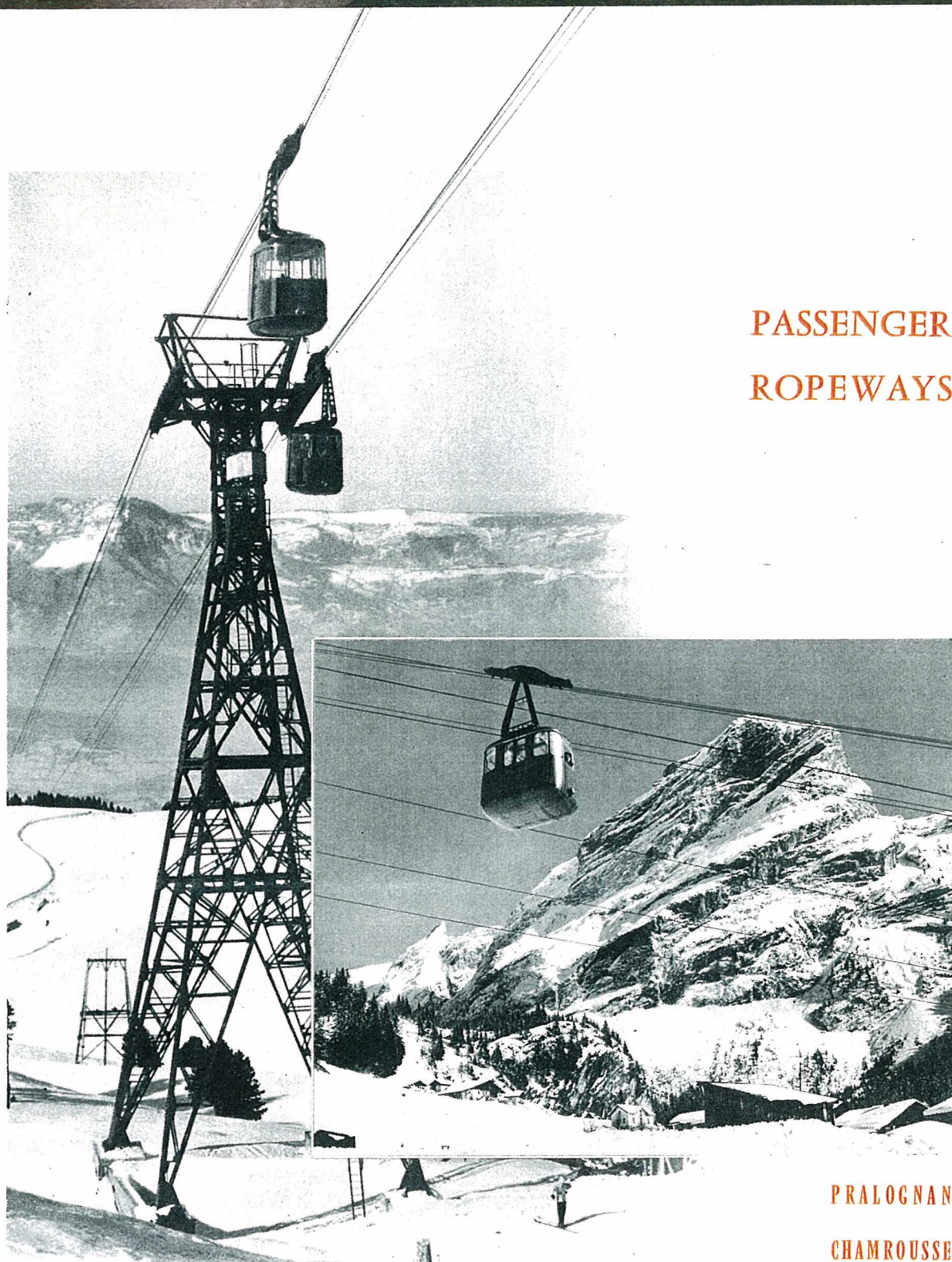
We dedicate these pages to the memory of those, who are no longer with us: the founders, former directors, engineers, clerks, workpeople, clients and suppliers of the past. It is our hope that their successors, whose teamwork is the constant inspiration of our organisation, will find here the elements of confidence and trust they need to persevere successfully and to contemplate the future with equanimity.

*B. Boujea*



*CASIMIR BRENIER*  
*1832 - 1911*





## PASSENGER ROPEWAYS

PRALOGNAN  
CHAMROUSSE

In 1950, the question of equipping mountain stations with powerful and rapid mechanical hoists came on the agenda and the Company, which prior to 1940 had constructed the GRENOBLE-BASTILLE and MEGEVE-MONT D'ARBOIS passenger ropeways in collaboration with a foreign Company, undertook the construction of passenger ropeways and telecabins based on plans prepared by its own drawing office.



The ALPE-DE-VENOSC and FOUX - D'ALLOS telecabins now under construction are of entirely new design and will offer a high standard of safety and a degree of comfort hitherto unknown.

The following passenger ropeways were installed one after the other : CHAMROUSSE, LA SAULIRE, PRALOGNAN, AX - LES - THERMES.

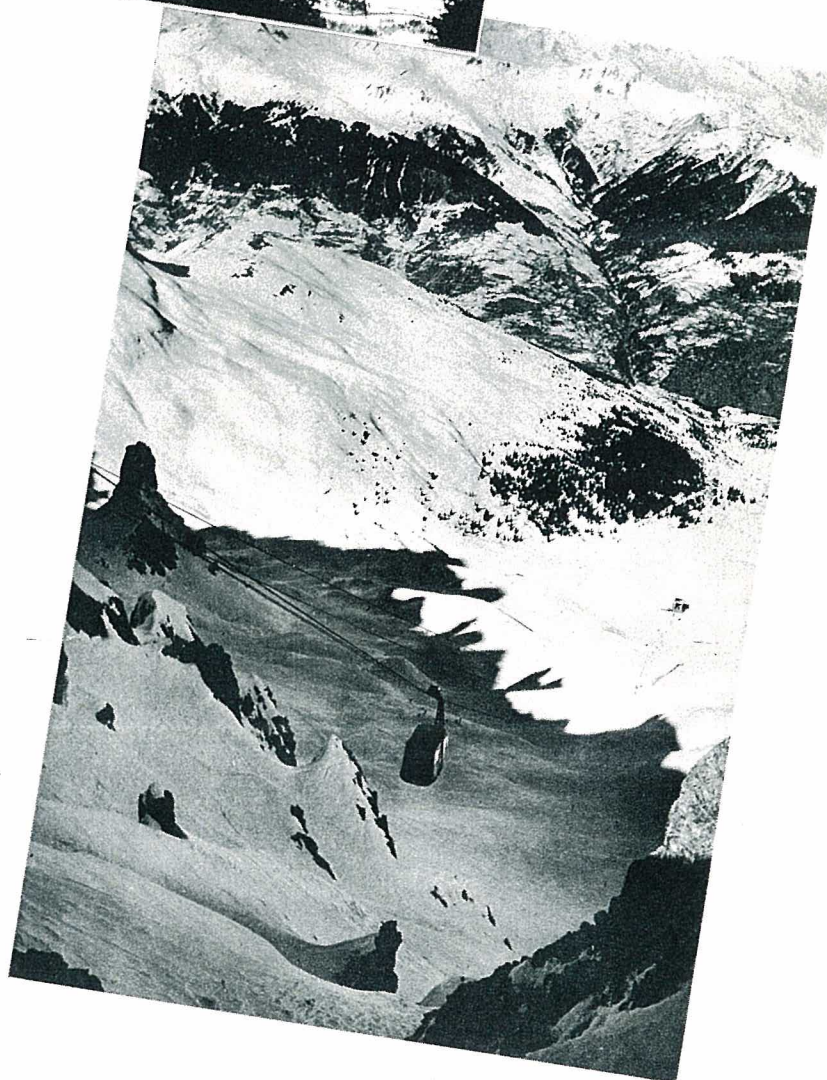
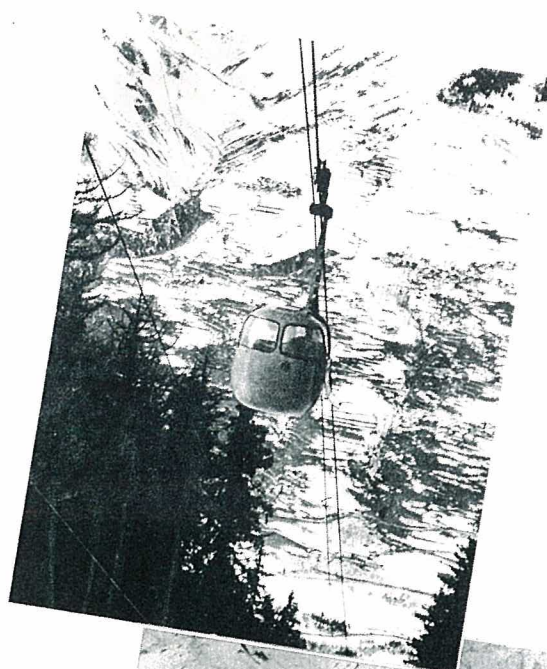
The Chamrousse ropeway, in the outskirts of Grenoble, carries 4,000 passengers every Sunday during the winter.

The La Saulire ropeway serves one of the most beautiful ski-runs in the French Alps and is well-known to skiers holidaying in Courchevel.

The Pralognan ropeway is the first section of a giant installation, which will one day reach the summit of the Vanoise glacier at an altitude of 3,200 metres ( $\approx 10,400$  feet).

The present power record will be held by Ax-les-Thermes which, with a 400 HP. engine-room capable of developing 800 HP. at peak periods, will clear some 1,200 metres ( $\approx 3,900$  feet) over a distance of 2,600 metres ( $\approx 8,450$  feet).

These installations, which are the fastest yet known, and were built in rapid succession in a field, which is almost entirely new to the Company, have each achieved enormous success, partly because of their bold design and safe operation and partly because of the numerous improvements which have been incorporated. At the very first attempt ATELIERS NEYRET BEYLIER find themselves among the foremost constructors of passenger ropeways, a technical field which is particularly delicate and difficult.



COURCHEVEL





## DRAWING OFFICES

The drawing offices, four in all, each belongs to a department specializing in one of the Company's own techniques.

Installed in vast, well-lit rooms, they employ 100 persons in all, and include engineers, technicians and designers who have at their disposal records containing the experience of a hundred years.

The work of these drawing offices is constantly controlled or directed by research in laboratories or experimental stations ; it covers both the design of the equipment and its use and installation in the user's own premises.

