

A RAILWAY TRIUMPH.

Margate and other North East Kent resorts are brought nearer to London by the latest in railway modernisation. The Kent Coast Special made the inaugural run from Victoria. V.I.Ps present included Sir Brian Robertson and Sir Philip Warter. Here with the General Manager, Southern Area, was the Mayor of Ramgate. He was among the trainload of guests invited to sample the journey, by a new train, on the newly electrified line, of the Southern Region's South Eastern Division; four tracks along most of the way. Buffet cars will be as popular with passengers as with the guests on the first trip. 27 bridges have had to be enlarged or rebuilt.

Sir Brian Robertson mingled with the travellers. The Director General, French Railways, complimented him on the train's comfort. Six days after this run, began the once-an-hour express service, supplemented by several semi-fast trains. To the well known resorts it's not only a holiday trade boom, it'll also mean thousands working in London going down there to live. To the Mayor of Margate, Sir Brian Robertson must be manna from heaven, and so must the Chairman of the Southern Region, Sir Philip Warter. Two top railway executives from Belgium came over to inspect the scheme, so the Mayor welcomed good company to Margate. Soon, thousands of jaded city folk will live in the tonic air of the Kent coast. Thousands more will pop down for the day. Its so quick, harassed mothers in London will soon be telling their children after tea, Go down to Margate and play on the sands till bed time....