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FIRST ELECTRIC RAILWAY - Mr. Volk celebrates  
completion of repairs to his famous railway at  
Brighton.

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(6) Picture:- The recent gales gave the famous old beach  
railway a serious "shake up", which necessitated an overhaul  
of the foundations along its entire--  
--length. XXXXXX Eighty-year-old Mr. Magnus Volk, the  
founder, and his son invite--  
--us to go for a trip along the front to Black Rock - and  
well, here we are, well away on a "buckshoe" ride along the  
Brighton front. XXXXX (You can almost smell the cockles!)  
XXXX Many very famous people have enjoyed this experience  
in the fifty years of its existence - in fact, King Edward,  
himself, was so keen on it that he travelled backwards and  
forwards more than once. XXXX It was such a novelty when  
first opened that a local clergyman referred to it as an  
"invention of the devil". XXXX The whole run--  
--is only a mile-and-a-quarter, but it makes up in  
popularity for the shortness of its track ! XXXXXXX  
Brighton--  
--wouldn't be quite the same without this, the very first  
passenger-carrying electric railway in the country.