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CINQUE PORTS PAGEANTRY.

ROMANCE OF THE PAST.

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Picture.:- The Marquis of Reading arrives at Hythe to meet twelve Mayors. (EFFECTS).

Lord Reading is Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and it is this traditional office which calls him to Hythe's Venetian Fete. The ports are represented by ships which salute as they pass their Warden and each other; the ships being made up to resemble those which sailed in these waters anything up to six-hundred years ago. Before ten-thousand spectators - - pretty good - - considering it rained most of the time, Lord Reading receives the aforesaid twelve Kentish Mayors. With the Lord Warden is Sir Philip Sasoon, Under-Secretary for Air, who represents Hythe in the House of Commons. (Pause). As you of course know the history of the county of Kent is one of the most turbulent and romantic in the country. With Lord Reading Sir Philip has co-operated with the people of Kent in this picturesque and laudible attempt to recapture some of the romance of one of England's foremost historic counties.