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BIGGEST AIR RACE - Forty-three-thousand
starters in young pigeons race from Selby
to Scotland.

- Yorkshire -

Picture:- A special train for pigeons -- No, two special --
-- trains for pigeons. Probably the largest^t --
-- number of passengers ever conveyed in the space. There
are 43,000 birds here, prepared to out-fly --
-- any aeroplanes yet flown. They are the property of --
-- 212 North country racing Pigeon Club Members, and when
released, are --
-- to fly back to their homes in Glasgow, Newcastle --
-- Durham, etc. - after a drink !

This annual flight is unequalled in the whole world.
The 43,000 pigeons are released in batches of --

-- about 10,000 each. The extraordinary homing instinct of
birds like these --
-- saved many lives during the War --
-- by speeding to Headquarters with code messages under --
-- their wings. Bon voyage ! Hope it keeps fine !