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200,000 STARTERS IN A RACE!

GREATEST PIGEON MARATHON.

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An air marathon, with two-hundred-thousand--
--competitors. One for the road--
--before starting. Forty-thousand pounds worth of pigeons
are released--
--at ^{Northallerton} ~~Barnesworth~~ and elsewhere, all with homes in Lancashire,
Derbyshire, Notts, and the North. And no Belisha road signs--
--to guide them, or confuse them. That boy is too young to
be used to birds. And it's not--
--every man can handle them successfully. On the way down
some--
--of them laid eggs. And it will be a wise pigeon that
knows--
--its own father--
--or mother. Thirty-five special trains brought the birds
to--
--^{Northallerton} ~~Barnesworth~~. Most of the racers are owned by working people--
--of the North - - cotton operators - miners, etc, and backed
by--
--them. Aye to win the like, tha knaws.

Pigeon racing is a popular and often profitable sport.