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PYRMONT REGATTA.

THIS regatta was attended with considerable success. The North German barque Bonito at the service of the committee as flagship was anchored off Pyrmont, and was extensively dressed with colours and evergreens, and other arrangements for visitors. The vessel was closely thronged throughout the afternoon, and there could not have been less than 300 persons on board, an unusually large percentage of whom were juveniles and children in arms.

The Galatea private band was in attendance. Around the shore of Pyrmont groups of spectators assembled, and a goodly number of sailing and racing boats dotted the bay in all directions. The weather was fine, but the wind very heavy and squally from north-east. The events were numerous, and well filled up with competitors; and although there were some good tactics in sailing and rowing, the matches towards the finish were anything but exciting.

First Race-Sculls in Rowing Club light skiffs. From Glebe Island bridge round boat off A.S.N. Co.'s works, and back to flagship.

Second Race-Half-decked yachts, 27 feet and under. From Glebe Island bridge round Shark Island and back to flagship.

Third Race-Sailing dingies, not exceeding 15 feet. From Glebe Island round Fort Denison, round flagship, thence round Fort Denison again and back.

Fifth Race-Fishing boats. From Glebe Island round Shark Island, and back to flagship.

Eleven races in all.