

## VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association was held on Friday night, at Young and Jackson's Prince's-bridge Hotel. Mr. E. Carlile occupied the chair.

### ANNUAL REPORT

The chairman read the fifth annual report, which dealt with the doings of the past season.

The report continued:- "Your committee are glad to notice that the project to hold a regatta on the Upper Yarra next December amongst the clubs is likely to be brought to a successful issue. Although this affair is not immediately connected with your committee, yet it is to be carried out under your rules, and only clubs recognised by the Association are to be allowed to take part in it.

The number of school races seems to be increasing, and your committee feel that this class of rowing should be encouraged in every way, and are pleased to notice that Mr. W. Robertson, M.L.A. has offered a prize for competition at this regatta for school crews.

Since our last report the regattas that have taken place, and the time that has elapsed, have given us an opportunity of seeing that the difficulty of providing races for both classes of oarsmen recognised by our rules as amateurs can hereafter be satisfactorily dealt with. At this year's regatta only two races were reserved for what are called bona fide amateurs. Since then, however, it having been felt that this class, representing as it does a very large number by and for whom the Rowing Association was started, were entitled to further consideration when the whole regatta programme has been recast by the committee, consisting of an equal number of bona fide and 'manual labour' representatives, and the season divided as nearly as possible between the two groups.

The races to be included in the next Melbourne Regatta programme would be Senior Races-Clarke Challenge Cup, Krug Champagne Challenge Cup, Grand Challenge Cup, Challenge Sculling Race. Junior Races - Junior Eights, Junior Fours, and Junior Sculling Race. Maiden Races-Maiden Eights, three Maiden Fours, and Maiden Sculls.

Owing to the immediate erection of the new Prince's bridge, your committee have endeavoured to make the best arrangements possible for the re erection of the boat

houses in a suitable position. They have done all they possibly can to bring about the desired result, and are pleased to be able to state with success.

The balance sheet for the past year shows that notwithstanding the fact that your committee have had to send a crew to Sydney, they are able to start the new year with a credit balance of 22 15s. 9d. It must not, however be forgotten that there was a credit balance of 83 18s. 4d to start with, and it will be necessary for this coming year to end with an equally large if not larger balance, if the season of 1882 3 is to be carried through free of debt. Large and handsome donations have been received from the president of the association, his honour Mr. Justice Williams, the Footscray Borough Council, the proprietors of The Australasian, the Melbourne Football Club, Messrs. Young and Jackson, G. Fairbairn, and others."

The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Election of officers.

Mr. H. G. Turner, of the Banks Club, was elected president, *vice* the Hon. W. J. Clarke, who had resigned on account of a visit to Europe: and Messrs. R. D. Booth and J. A. Levey were, appointed to the two Vacancies on the committee.

THE SECRETARY.

Mr. J. A. Levey, honorary secretary, announced his retirement from that position, and in doing so urged the members to take more interest in the affairs of the association. The resignation was accepted with regret, and a special vote of thanks passed to Mr. Levey for his exertions.

ALTERATION OF RULE.

On the motion of Mr. J. A. Levey, seconded by Mr. Young, rule 10 was altered so as to provide that the admission or rejection of any club could be decided upon by one-half of the committee instead of two-thirds.

ELECTED MEMBERS.

Mr. J. W. Colville moved, and Mr. W Ievers seconded, "That In future elected members of the committee be elected by subscribers of £1 or more a year to the funds of the Victorian Rowing Association, instead of as at present by the association."

Mr. Kelly moved as an amendment,

" That the office bearers of the V.R A. be elected by members subscribing the sum of 5s. to the funds of the association, membership entitling them to two tickets to the grand stand at regattas."

He was of opinion that this would induce a greater number of members to join, and to take an interest in the affairs of the association.

Mr. Moore: seconded the amendment.

Mr. J. A. Levey suggested that the motion and amendment should be withdrawn, and the matter left in the hands of the committee.

The amendment was withdrawn and the motion lost, only two voting for it.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

Special votes of thanks were passed to the late president and treasurer, and the meeting terminated.

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Votes of Thanks. Messrs. W. J. Clarke, A. Nichols and J. A. Levey were each accorded a vote of thanks for the manner in which they had fulfilled the requirements of the offices of president, hon, treasurer and hon. secretary respectively.

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