

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association was held at the Athenaeum last night. Mr C. F. C. Taylor presided.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.

The annual report stated that the Association Regatta was held earlier than usual last year in order to allow as much time as possible to elapse between that event and the intercolonial race. The entries were numerous and the competition keen. The most noteworthy feature was the success of the Melbourne Rowing Club, no fewer than six of the 14 events of the programme being won by its representatives including those for the Krug Champagne Challenge Cup (in eights, *bona-fide* amateurs) and the Briscoe Challenge Cup Trophy (in fours, *bona-fide* amateurs) At Richmond, Upper Yarra, Geelong, Ballarat, Colac and Sale successful regattas had been held under the rules of the association. The sixth Intercolonial Eight oared Race between New South Wales and Victoria rowed on the Parramatta River on the 28th April last, gave the fourth victory to Victoria, two of which had been scored in Sydney waters. The victorious eight with the exception of Upward and Senior, was made up of maiden intercolonial oarsmen, and they reflected great credit upon themselves and the selection committee. They were banqueted on their return after selling their boat to the Sydney Mercantile Rowing Club. In three out of the four intercolonial contests in which Mr Upward had stroked the Victorian boat he had been successful, and the committee took this opportunity of warmly thanking him for his services to rowing. In the second and third contest for the Krug Champagne Sculling Race which took place in Sydney in November and June last, Victoria was not represented owing to the business engagements and illness of Mr A W Fittes and Mr Middleton, of the Sydney club, the present holder of the trophy, had only to score another win in order to finally secure it. The professional Sculling Championship of Victoria still belonged to Elias Laycock, who had not been challenged to row for the same since his victory on the 29th May, 1880. It was expected that the building of the temporary bridge to replace Prince's-bridge would seem commence, and the rowing clubs would have to look forward to future compensating advantages for the inconvenience they would suffer during the progress of the work. To remedy complaints as to the amount of the guarantees for the smaller clubs, the rules had been altered and were now submitted for approval.

The balance sheet showed a revenue of £646 17s. 1d., made up as follows :- (guarantees £153 10s. ; donations, £187 12s. ; entries, &c., of annual regatta £179 14s. ; other receipts, £114 6s. ; balance from last year, £11 15s. 1d. The expenditure amounted to £632 17s 2d., viz. :- Annual regatta prizes £247 18s. 6d., and expenses £106 18s. 2d.; intercolonial race, £171 6s. 7d.; miscellaneous, £117 13s. 10d.

The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted.

AMENDMENT OF RULES

Mr. B. Rolls, jun., moved -

"That 12 members shall be elected by a general meeting of the VRA., who shall be called the elected members and shall hold office for three years, subject to rule 5, and that all rules contingent on this and that have been struck out shall be reinstated in the V R A rules."

Mr. P. O'NEILL seconded the motion

After a long and animated discussion the motion was carried by a huge majority

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Justice Williams was then proposed as president of the Rowing Association, and elected with acclamation. On the motion of Mr. Levers the election of the two vice presidents was postponed to the next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned to Friday, the 2nd November upon which evening the "elected members" would be balloted for. The secretary announced that nominations would be received up to the 26th inst.

The meeting was informed that the conditions upon which certain members of the committee had tendered their resignations not having been complied with, i.e., the adoption of the rules as originally submitted to the meeting on the 12th September, four vacancies only remained to be filled, viz., those of Messrs. Carlile, Kemp, Rolls, and Woods

A vote of thanks having been passed to the chairman and also to the committee and office bearers of the past year, the meeting terminated.