

## VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

The eighth annual meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association was held on Friday evening, at Gunsler's Cafe Collins-street. His Honour Mr Justice Williams occupied the chair as president of the association and there was a very large attendance of members.

The annual report of the committee was laid before the meeting.

References were made in the report to the visit of Edward Hanlan, one of the principle events of the aquatic season. From the success of the "aquatic carnivals," it had been suggested to the committee that the association regattas might be held on the Albert-park lake, which it was thought would greatly tend to popularise rowing in the estimation of the public. The change, it was thought, might prove advantageous financially. The committee regretted that the season closed with a debit balance amounting to £57 7s. 10d., chiefly owing to the heavy loss resulting from the regatta, and the small amount received as donations compared with previous years. The amount received as members' subscriptions, £129 15s., in lieu of guarantees, must be deemed highly satisfactory, considering the new rules of the association had only been one year in operation. During the year, owing to business arrangements, Mr. R. C. Talbot was obliged to tender his resignation as hon. secretary which was accepted with regret, and Mr. A. B. Templeman was elected in his stead. The seventh contest between representative crews of New South Wales and Victoria was rowed on the champion course, Lower Yarra, on the 5th April last, and was by the representatives of the association. No time ought to be lost in devising means by which a vigorous and united effort might be made to raise sufficient funds to send a Victorian crew to Sydney next year."

The report was discussed at length. The representatives of some clubs objected to the names of their clubs being included in the list of competitors at regattas when, though entered, they did not start. Other members of the association urged that, having entered, a club, by not starting, rendered themselves liable to being considered defeated.

Mr. T. H. Young proposed that clubs not starting be thus designated. Mr Horsburgh moved, Mr. H. T. Jordan seconded, and it was resolved to allow the original form to remain - all entries to be included.

It was also arranged on the motion of Mr. A. Fowler, seconded by Mr. H. T. Jordan, that in future some short notice should be taken of country regattas in the report, to encourage rowing men.

Mr Horsburgh moved, and Mr. G. G. Henderson seconded, the adoption of the report, which was agreed to. Mr. Horsburgh moved and Mr. O'Neill seconded, a vote of thanks to the late secretary, Mr Talbot which was heartily accorded.

Mr. G. E. UPWARD moved the re-election of the president, Mr. Justice Williams.

Mr. A. Harvey seconded, and mentioned that last year the association benefited to the extent of £100 through the exertions of the president.

The motion was carried, together with a vote of thanks to his Honour for the lasting interest he had shown in the association.

The CHAIRMAN, in acknowledging the compliment, said he believed rowing men could, by united representations, induce the Government to contribute towards the improvement of the Albert-park Lake and the lengthening of the course. By fencing in a portion of the shore a considerable revenue was obtainable by the association if they held the regatta there. On behalf of the association when in England he did all he could and forwarded information to the secretary as to the definition of amateurs and as to the chance of sending home crews to compete in the regattas there. (Applause.)

Mr. J. H. Young remarked that colonials would not long remain contented to compete amongst themselves. (Applause.)

The vice-presidents - Dr. Beaney and Mr. H. G. Turner - were re-elected.

The Chairman presented silver oars, his own gift to the members of the winning Victorian crew in the intercolonial race :- F. J. Taylor (bow), Yarra Yarra ; W. W. Senior, Victoria; W. J. Leverett, Melbourne; F. C. Ankerson, Melbourne ; W. Douglas, Victoria ; F. G. Hughes, Melbourne; W. Burnip, Melbourne; R. D. Booth (stroke), Melbourne; W. Bray (cox), who thanked his Honour and their coach, Mr. G. Upward.

Four members of the committee retired by rotation. In their stead the ballot showed the following votes recorded :- F. W. Williams, 60 ; A. White, 59 ; W. Boyd, 55; J. C. Warren, 54. These were elected.