

THE VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

The ninth annual meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association was held on Tuesday night at Gunsler's Cafe, Mr. W. H. Hull in the chair.

The annual report and balance-sheet were presented. The financial statement showed that the committee, after commencing the season with a liability amounting to £80 8s. 29s. finished it with a profit balance of £13 9s. 3d. The chief items in the expenditure were £203 for the annual regatta, showing a loss of £28 and the expense of sending a crew to Sydney for the intercolonial race, amounting to £124 10s. 4d. The chief receipts were donations of £115 19s. towards the expenses of the intercolonial race; subscriptions for the year amounting to £116 5s. and entries for the regatta, £106 10s.

The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption of the report, commented on the difference between the receipts and expenditure for the annual regatta.

Mr. A. HARVEY suggested that the annual meeting of the association should not be held in future until audited balance sheets were sent in by the clubs. He was confident that some clubs were not paying for all their members. The association would always be in difficulties, he thought, until they held regattas at Albert park, and were able to obtain gate-money.

Mr. G. UPWARD pointed out that they could expect very little in the way of donations next year, and it would be necessary to devise some means of increasing the revenue of the association. The only means he knew of was to hold the regatta at Albert-park lake instead of on the Lower Yarra,

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The meeting, in passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Arthur Blackwood, Mr Justice Williams, and other gentlemen, whose handsome donations had been of great assistance to the Association, carried a resolution recommending the incoming committee to take the necessary steps to present an illuminated address signed by representatives of all the clubs to their late president, Mr Justice Williams who, through the pressure of his judicial duties, had been obliged to resign the position.

The election of office-bearers for the year resulted as follows :-President, Mr. H. G. Turner, vice presidents Dr. J. G. Beaney, M.L.C and Mr Arthur Blackwood; honorary treasurer, Mr. George E. Upward , honorary secretary, Mr. Robert Davies, committee, Messrs. J. A. Levey, P. O'Neill, G. E. Upward, J. L. Irvine, and G. G. Henderson.

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Aquatics Rowing Notes

The ninth annual general meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association, which took place at Gunslers Cafe on Tuesday night, was a very flat affair, not more than 40 members sitting down to discuss or show any interest in its affairs. In the report of the past year allusion is made to the first appearance of Tasmania and Queensland in the Intercolonial Race, to the loss by death of Mr. W. H. Tuckett, jun., and to the generous gift, by Mr. Arthur Blackwood, of the boat in which the Victorian crew rowed at Sydney. The balance-sheet showed the association to be struggling hard against financial troubles, the energy of the treasurer, with a little help from a few others and the generosity of an extremely select circle of patrons, enabling them to pull through. The receipts amount to £409 and the actual expenditure to £407, leaving a balance of £2 in hand and liabilities of £66; £116 was received, for members subscriptions, £175 from the annual regatta, and £116 as private contributions towards the expenses of the intercolonial race. A heavy loss of £90 resulted from the regatta, and the intercolonial race, which was most economically managed, cost £121. Mr. Henry Giles Turner, manager of the Commercial Bank, was elected as president, and Mr. Arthur Blackwood and Dr. James George Beaney as vice-presidents of the association, Messrs. Upward and Davies retaining the posts of honorary treasurer and honorary secretary. Regretful allusion was made to the retirement of Mr. Justice Williams from the presidency of the association. The following gentlemen were elected to the vacancies on the committee : - Messrs. J. A. Levey, P. O'Neill, G. E. Upward, J. L. Irvine, and G. G. Henderson.