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VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the above association was held at Young and Jackson's Hotel last evening, when there was a fair attendance. Mr. Henry Gyles Turner occupied the chair.

The report and balance sheet, which have been circulated, were taken as read, and subsequently unanimously adopted.

Mr. H. G. Turner, in referring to the past year's progress, stated he wished to congratulate them on the work that had been done, but he was unable to congratulate them upon their financial position. In the annual Melbourne Regatta, the prizes were very equitably distributed, most of the clubs being successful, and the racing being good, but the return was not what might have been expected.

The Mercantile again won the eight-oared race, which they had won for two years in succession, the intercolonial race was, to a certain extent, robbed of its charm by the absence of the New South Wales crew. They all regretted very much that they were unable to come into line in regard to the amateur question. The intercolonial eight-oared race was a splendid one, and he had never seen better. The intercolonial sculling race was a disappointment.

They all must feel very sincerely the loss of Mr. W. B. House — (Hear, hear, and applause) — who had long been connected with the association, and had discharged his duties in an excellent manner, and they would have difficulty in filling the position with as energetic a gentleman. He was extremely glad to know there was a greater stimulus in rowing.

There were immense improvements taking place on the Yarra, and in another six months they would have a decent place on which to hold their regattas. The great disaster that overtook them was on the occasion of the last championship race and regatta, neither of which paid their expenses, and he recognised with pain that they were £120 behind. This matter had to be dealt with, and he thought that with the energy they possessed that the deficit would soon be wiped off.

The election of officers for the ensuing season resulted as follows:— President, Mr. Henry Gyles Turner; vice-presidents, Messrs. Thos. Ellison, E. L. Zox, M.L.A., Frank Stuart, F. T. Morkham, G. E. Upward, J. Aitken, A. M'Cracken and C. Miller.

A resolution moved by Mr. A. J. Shepherd, to alter the meaning of regatta regulation No. 34 was carried after a good deal of discussion. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. B. House, the late treasurer, for his excellent services.

The season will be opened on Saturday, 2nd October.

A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.