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## ROWING NOTES

By TINGLE

The 22nd annual meeting of the Victorian Rowing Association was held at Young and Jackson's Hotel, on Monday last. The president, Mr. Henry Gyles Turner, occupied the chair.

The attendance of members was unusually large, and the enthusiasm displayed promises well for the ensuing season. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, among other general matters referred particularly to the improvements in the upper river regatta course, to the splendid performance of the Mercantile Rowing Club in having won the championship four-oared race three years in succession, and to the Banks Club's win in the Championship Eight-Oared Race.

The improvement in the condition of the association's finances was encouraging, and due entirely to the energy of the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. J. Shepherd). Mr. Ellison seconded the motion for the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, which was carried unanimously. The following office-bearers were, elected for the ensuing term: - Patron, his Excellency Lord Brassey; president, Mr. Henry Gyles Turner; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Davidson, C. Miller, G. E. Upward, James Aitken, Thomas Ellison, E. L. Zox, M.L.A., T. F. Morkham, and Councillor William Strong; committee, Messrs. W. Potter. (Mercantile), W. B. House (Civil Service), G. M. Lupton (Yarra Yarra), T. Davies (Banks), M. Rohan (Hawthorn), A. Chamley (Albert-park), and B. Warr (Essendon). The six first mentioned were elected for two years, and the last-mentioned for one year.

Hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. Shepherd, was re-elected without opposition; hon. secretary, Mr. G. A. Grant. Mr. Grant has had large experience of secretarial work, and is not new to rowing, having been for a number of years connected with the Albert-park Rowing Club. He will, no doubt, prove himself an energetic hon. secretary.

Mr. J. MacFarlane (in the absence of Mr. W. B. House) moved that Rule 5 of the articles of association, be amended to read as follows:- "The association shall, from the members thereof, at the annual general meeting, appoint a secretary, or two joint secretaries, and a treasurer. Any member so appointed not being an elected or representative member, shall be ex-officio a member of committee, and shall hold office accordingly, until the next annual meeting, or until his resignation or dismissal by the members of the association. In the event of the office of secretary or treasurer becoming vacant during the year, the committee may appoint a substitute to hold office until the next annual general meeting."

This motion was carried unanimously.

The most important motion was moved by Mr. A. J. Shepherd, and reads as follows: - "That, in order to liquidate the liabilities of the association, each club shall, by the 30th December next, contribute to the association funds an amount equal, and in addition to that paid under Rule 19, viz., 2/6 per member."

Although it was expected in some quarters that there would be considerable opposition to this motion, it was carried unanimously. It now remains to be seen whether it will have the effect of causing the retirement of any clubs from the association.