

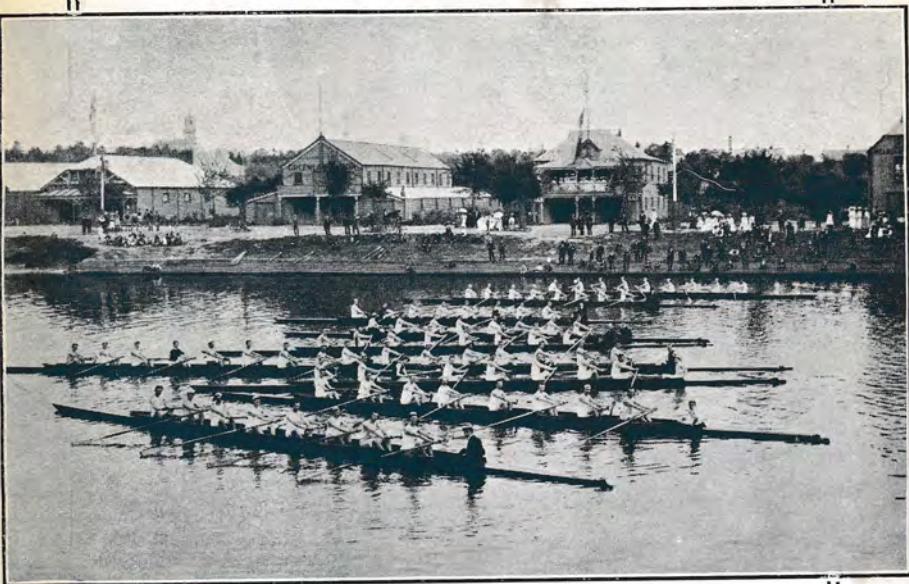
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To be presented to the Members at
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SATURDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1906,

At 7.45 o'clock p.m.

MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB



CHAMPION PAIR - Upper Yarra, Ballarat Regatta 1905



Junior Pair - V.R.A. Regatta 1905



CHAMPION PAIR - Upper Yarra, Ballarat Regatta 1905



Maiden four - Nagambie Regatta 1905



Junior four - Seymour Regatta 1905



Maiden eight - Healey on YARRA - 1905



Sculler four - V.R.A. Regatta 1905



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CHAMPION PAIR OF VICTORIA - 1905



Junior Pair - Ballarat Regatta 1905



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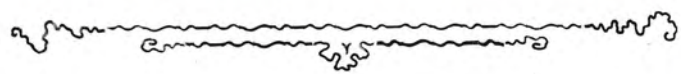
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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Mercantile Rowing Club.



MELBOURNE, 14th SEPTEMBER, 1906.

To the Members of the Mercantile Rowing Club.

GENTLEMEN,—

Again it is the pleasing duty of your Committee to be able to report a very successful and enjoyable season. At the present date the Club is in a very healthy and flourishing condition, and on a very sound financial standing. The membership roll shows an increase, and the standard of the recruits is very high. Throughout the season the greatest unanimity and enthusiasm amongst the members have at all times been conspicuous, and this has rendered the duties of the Officers of the Club light and pleasant to perform.

In regard to Regatta Races, the past season has in the number of victories attained been a record one. Your crews have been successful in 19 Regatta events and 2 championship races, which speaks volumes for the life of the Club and the activity of the members. To signalise this excellent achievement the photographs of the winning crews have been arranged in one large mount and handsomely framed. This picture will be hung in the boathouse and is an extremely interesting trophy, and one of which the members may well feel proud.

It has been found imperative to increase the accommodation for the fleet of the Club, and the Committee, after careful consideration, have decided on additions to the boathouse at a cost of about £250. The work is to be completed early in October. The plans and specifications were drawn up by your fellow member, Mr. J. A. Wood, by whom also the work will be supervised. Your Committee desire to express to him their full appreciation of the thought and care with which he has looked after this important matter. When the contract shall have been completed, the Club boathouse will be one of the

finest and best equipped in the state. It will scarcely be necessary to point out to members that the heavy expense involved in these additions will require strict economy in the management of the Club during the coming season, and members should give the Committee their loyal assistance in enabling them to meet the financial obligations incurred in this direction. One thing in particular will greatly help, and that is the payment by members of the full amount of their subscriptions at the earliest possible date.

During the season 9 Committee meetings were held and the attendances were as follows:—Mr. Dobbie, 9; Mr. Ivens, 9; Mr. Burton, 8; Mr. Ferguson, 8; Mr. Fogarty, 8; Mr. Herman, 8; Mr. Sloan, 8; Mr. Rigg, 7; Mr. Hoof, 6; Mr. Brasch, 6; Mr. Moses, 5; Mr. Aylwin, 4. Mr. Hoof and Mr. Moses were absent from the city when several of the meetings were held.

Financial.

Our financial position continues to improve, and the total revenue for the past season amounts to £507 18s 6d. This is an increase on our last year's receipts to the extent of £55 14s. 8d. The chief sources of revenue showing an increase are subscriptions and donations (£21 7s) and entrance fees for regattas (£12). The Annual Ball has given the usual good returns, and the proceeds from this function have now virtually become a permanent asset.

We commenced the season with a credit balance (£82 14s. 3d.), and finished it with a credit of £53 10s. 11d., from which it will be seen our expenditure has been in excess of receipts by £29. It is a matter for congratulation, however, that we have such a substantial balance, in view of the heavy outlay for boats and oars and repairs. These items total £176, of which amount £50 2s. 6d. was paid for repairs alone. It may be pointed out here that much of the damage to the boats and oars is due to gross carelessness on the part of members. What this carelessness means is clearly demonstrated by the above figures, and while it exists members must necessarily be deprived of comforts that the amount expended in repairs would otherwise afford.

V.R.A. Championship Races.

THE CHAMPION SCULLING RACE, the first champion race of the season, was rowed over the Lower Yarra Course on October 14th, 1905. Mr. Ivens, of your Club, was again successful, this being his fifth consecutive victory in this race. Your Committee congratulates Mr. Ivens on having so often carried his Club's colours to victory. Mr. Roy Adam, also of your Club, filled the second position.

THE CHAMPION FOUR-OARED RACE was held on the Lower Yarra on November 18th, 1905, and resulted in a win for Albert Park, with Ballarat in second position. Your Club was not represented.

THE CHAMPION PAIR-OARED RACE was decided on the Footscray Regatta Course on December 2nd, 1905. Your crew, which was Mr. J. Fogarty (stroke), and Mr. A. Moore (bow), A. Wickham, (cox), were successful in placing this important race to the credit of the Club.

THE CHAMPION EIGHT-OARED RACE was rowed on the Lower Yarra Course on March 24th, 1905. Your crew in this race was as follows: Messrs. A. B. Sloan (stroke), A. L. Dobbie (7), M. S. MacNaughton (6), M. C. Brown (5), J. J. Fogarty (4), G. Logan (3), W. Potter (2), P. C. Ivens (bow), C. Maurice (cox). The race between your crew and the Albert Park was a magnificent one, and is regarded as one of the most desperately contested champion races that has been seen. It was fought out neck and neck the whole distance, and resulted in a victory for the Albert Park crew by a bare canvas. The V. R. A. Premiership rested on the result of this race, and by the success of the Albert Park crew this honour was lost to your Club.

Interstate Championships.

THE INTERSTATE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP was rowed on the Swan River, Perth, on May 5th, 1906. The Victorian representative in this race was Mr. P. C. Ivens, of your Club, he met and easily defeated the Tasmanian and West Australian scullers, thus securing to Victoria the Sculling Championship of Australia. Mr. Ivens is to be cordially congratulated on having secured this coveted title.

THE INTERSTATE EIGHT-OARED RACE was rowed on the same day. Your Club was represented by Mr. M. C. Brown and Mr. J. J. Fogarty. The long run of successes of the Victorian crews was at last broken, by the Tasmanian crew defeating the Victorians for first place.

Regatta Events.

HENLEY ON YARRA REGATTA, OCTOBER 28th, 1905. This was the opening Regatta of the season, and was held on the Upper Yarra Course. Your Club was successful in the two following races:—*Senior Sculls*—P. C. Ivens; and *Maiden Eight* (after rowing three closely contested heats). The crew was:—L. Jones (stroke), C. Beilby (7), T. Guinness (6), R. E. Warburton (5), T. Adamson (4), S. Guinn (3), E. Yandell (2), C. A. Clarke (bow), C. Maurice (cox). It is worthy of mention that your Club with the success of this crew, established a record in *Maiden Eights* by winning this event at four consecutive regattas. The following crews competed unsuccessfully;—*Senior Four*—A. B. Sloan (stroke), A. L. Dobbie (3), J. J. Fogarty (2), P. C. Ivens (bow). This crew trained with A. Waters and J. Strong, as stroke and bow respectively, but both were taken ill a few days before the race. Messrs. Sloan and Ivens came forward and rowed rather than see the Club unrepresented, and the crew raced without any preparation. *Junior Four*—G. Ferguson (stroke), M. C. Brown (3), G. Logan (2), A. G. Lindblade (bow). Beaten by

a strong crew from the *Wendouree Club*; and *Maiden Four*, A. Davy (stroke), H. Stooke (3), M. S. Mac Naughton (2), H. Stevens (bow), who were beaten in the final.

SEYMOUR REGATTA, November 13th, 1905. Your crews had a "day out" at this regatta being successful in each race for which they started. The crews were as follows:—*Junior Four*—G. Ferguson (stroke), M. C. Brown (3), G. Logan (2), A. G. Lindblade (bow), A. Wickham (cox). *Junior Pair*—J. J. Fogarty (stroke), A. Moore (bow), A. Wickham (cox). *Maiden Four*—A. Davy (stroke), H. Stooke (3), M. S. MacNaughton (2), S. Guinn (bow), A. Wickham (cox). A *Maiden Pair*, consisting of L. Jones (stroke), and G. Gunning (bow), also entered for this regatta, but were unable to compete owing to the stroke being seized by illness a few days prior to the regatta. Your Committee desire to express to the Committee of this regatta their sincere thanks for the splendid manner in which our representatives were treated.

V.R.A. REGATTA, December 16th, 1905. Your crews were again very successful, winning the following races:—*Senior Sculls*—(R. Adam), *Junior Four*, *Junior Pair*, *Maiden Four* and *Maiden Sculls* (C. E. Edwards). Your crews were unsuccessful in the *Senior Pair*, *Maiden Pair*, *Junior Sculls* and *Maiden Eight*. The personnel of the crews was as follows:—*Senior Sculls*—R. Adam. *Senior Pair*—J. J. Fogarty (stroke), A. Moore (bow), A. Wickham (cox). *Junior Pair*—G. Ferguson (stroke), M. C. Brown (bow), A. Wickham (cox). *Junior Four*—A. Davy (stroke), H. Stooke (3), M. S. Mac Naughton (2), G. Gunning (bow), C. Maurice (cox). *Maiden Four*—L. Jones (stroke), H. Stevens (3), E. P. Fullwood (2), A. L. Dunu (bow), R. A. Cooper (cox). *Maiden and Junior Sculls*, C. Edwards. *Maiden Pair*—W. H. Waters (stroke), J. Watson (bow), A. Wickham (cox). *Maiden Eight*—J. A. Wood (stroke), N. Good (7), K. W. Woods (6), F. Tanner (5), J. Stooke (4), P. Bishop (3), W. Heckle (2), R. Treacy (bow), C. Maurice (cox).

NAGAMBIE REGATTA, December 26th, 1905. This regatta was marred by very rough weather. The Club was represented in the *Maiden* and *Junior Fours* by the same crew, and they achieved the distinction of winning the double. The crew was—L. Jones (stroke), H. Stevens (3), T. Guinness (2), A. L. Dunn (bow), R. A. Cooper (cox).

UPPER YARRA REGATTA, January 27th, 1906. Your representatives won the *Senior Pair*—A. B. Sloan (stroke), P. C. Ivens (bow), A. Wickham (cox)—and *Maiden Sculls*—L. Jones. Mr Jones competed in the *Junior Sculls* also, and had practically won when an accident to his boat compelled him to abandon the race. This was very unfortunate, as it broke the series of successes which he gained during the season. The following crews competed unsuccessfully:—*Junior Pair*—A. Davy, T. Guinness, O. Yandell (cox). *Maiden Eight*—J. A. Wood (stroke), N. Good (7), K. W. Woods (6), F. Tanner (5), J. Stooke (4), H. B. Bickerstaff (3), W. Heckle (2), R. Treacy (bow), R. A. Cooper (cox). *Maiden Pair*—S. Guinn (stroke),

R. Warburton (bow), O. Yandell (cox). A *Sculling Race* for coxswains steering at this regatta was won by your coxswain, R. A. Cooper.

FOOTSCRAY REGATTA, Foundation Day, January 29th. Your representative in the *Maiden* and *Junior Sculls*, L. Jones, was successful in both events, thus securing a praiseworthy double. The following crews also competed, but were unsuccessful. In each case the personnel was the same as at the Upper Yarra Regatta two days' previously—*Senior Pair*, *Junior Pair*, *Maiden Eight*, *Maiden Pair*.

BALLART REGATTA, March 2nd, 1906. Your Club sent to this popular regatta a great number of crews, being represented in each race on the programme, and were successful in the *Senior Pair* and *Junior Pair*. The crews were :—*Senior Pair*—A. B. Sloan (stroke), P. C. Ivens (bow), A. Wickham (cox). *Junior Pair*—L. Jones (stroke), H. Stevens (bow), A. Wickham (cox). *Senior Eight*—G. Ferguson (stroke), A. L. Dobbie (7), M. S. MacNaughton (6), A. Moore (5), J. Fogarty (4), M. C. Brown (3), W. Potter (2), G. Logan (bow), C. Maurice (cox). *Junior Four*—A. Bernadou (stroke), W. H. Waters (3), J. Watson (2), S. Guinn (bow), C. Maurice (cox). *Maiden* and *Junior Sculls*—A. L. Dunn. *Maiden Eight*—J. A. Wood (stroke), J. Opie (7), K. W. Woods (6), A. Tanner (5), N. Good (4), G. Emery (3), N. Harris (2), H. B. Bickerstaff (bow), C. Maurice (cox). *Maiden Four*—C. Beilby (stroke), C. Morrison (3), T. W. Adamson (2), R. E. Warburton (bow), C. Maurice (cox). *Maiden Pair*—E. Yandell (stroke), H. Lloyd (bow), A. Wickham (cox).

BARWON REGATTA, March 10th, 1906. The enjoyment of this regatta was somewhat marred by rain. Your crews completely failed on this occasion. The *Senior Eight* gave members good cause to hope for success in the Champion Eight by defeating the Ballarat crew in the heat, and rowing Albert Park to half a length in the final. The crews, constituted as at Ballarat regatta, were *Senior Eight*, *Maiden Eight*, *Maiden Four*, *Maiden Pair* and *Maiden Sculls*.

BAIRNSDALE REGATTA, Easter Saturday, April 14th. Your representatives were successful in the *Senior Four* race, but were defeated in the *Senior Pair* and *Maiden Pair*. The crews were :—*Senior Four*—L. Jones (stroke), A. Moore (3), M. S. MacNaughton (2), G. Logan (bow). *Senior Pair*—G. Ferguson (stroke), G. Logan (bow). *Maiden Pair*—K. Woods (stroke), J. A. Wood, (bow). The coxswain in each crew was A. Wickham. Many of your members in addition to the crews journeyed to Bairnsdale to spend the Easter holidays. The Regatta Committee and the Bairnsdale Rowing Club were exceedingly kind in their attentions to these members, and your Committee takes this opportunity to thank those gentlemen for their courtesy.

A feature of the regatta races was the remarkable success of Mr. Lisle Jones, who, as will be seen, won the following races :—*Maiden Eight*, *Double Maiden Fours*, *Double Maiden Sculls*, *Junior Four*, *Junior Sculls*, *Junior Pair* and *Senior Four*. Mr. Jones is to be congratulated on his fine performance.

Summary of Regatta and Championship Races.

The following table will be of interest to members. It shows the number of crews from each Club that competed at the different Regattas and Championship Races during the season, and the number of wins gained in each class. It will be seen that the number of races won by your Club is the highest on the list, and that it has been the chief supporter of Regattas.

Club.	No. of Crews entered.	No. of Races Won.					Club.	No. of Crews entered.	No. of Races Won.				
		Maiden	Junior	Senior	Champion	Total			Maiden	Junior	Senior	Champion	Total
Mercantile ...	52	7	7	5	2	21	Banks ...	11	—	—	—	—	—
Albert Park ...	38	5	1	5	2	13	Seymour ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
Yarra Yarra ...	25	4	2	—	—	6	University ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
Ballarat ...	22	2	2	—	—	4	Barwon ...	8	—	—	—	—	—
Wendouree ...	22	3	2	1	—	6	Corio Bay ...	8	1	—	—	—	1
Nagambie ...	19	2	1	1	—	4	Hawthorn ...	8	—	—	2	—	2
Civil Service ...	17	—	—	—	—	—	Bairnsdale ...	7	—	2	1	—	3
Footscray ...	17	—	—	—	—	—	Sandhurst ...	4	—	1	—	—	1
South Melb. ...	16	4	1	—	—	5	Richmond ...	3	—	—	—	—	—
Essendon ...	14	2	—	—	—	2	Eaglehawk ...	2	1	—	—	—	1
Ballarat City ...	12	2	1	—	—	3	Cobram ...	1	—	—	—	—	—

Premiership Points.

Albert Park	- 406	Ballarat	- 27	Corio Bay	- 8
Mercantile	- 170	Nagambie	- 16	Ballarat City	5
Wendouree	- 38	Yarra Yarra	- 15	Sandhurst	- 3
Hawthorn	- 36	Essendon	- 12	Eaglehawk	- 1
South Melbourne	28	Bairnsdale	- 12		

The Premiership is at present decided on points, viz: 18 for Champion Races, 6 for Senior, 3 for Junior, and 1 for Maiden, which are manifestly disproportionate. Consequently the points scored may not indicate the general success of a Club at Regattas.

Club Races.

As usual, members have shown much activity in Club races, and very good entries have been received for each event. The Club Eights, for the Trophies generously donated by Mr. J. Dillon, have become an annual event, and this is the biggest Club race held in Victoria. This year 10 crews, comprising 80 members competed. A photograph of the whole 10 crews afloat at one time was secured and is probably without parallel. The photo when reproduced in the weekly papers, was the subject of much comment in rowing circles, and among the general public.

Captain's Trophy.

The competition for the Captain's Trophy, which is awarded to the member scoring the greatest number of points in Club races was keenly contested, and was finally won by Mr. A. F. Tanner with 11

points, while Mr. R. E. Warburton was second with 10 points. The following list shows the points scored :—

T. Guinness - 9	S. Guinn - 3	A. Dunn - 1
J. Watson - 9	J. Opie - 3	A. L. Dobbie - 1
G. Logan - 6	E. Yandell - 3	E. Evans - 1
H. Brasch - 5	A. M. Aylwin - 2	J. J. Fogarty - 1
N. Good - 5	C. Beilby - 2	W. Harris - 1
K. W. Woods - 5	H. Burton - 2	A. E. Hoof - 1
R. Adam - 5	C. A. Clarke - 2	W. Heekle - 1
M. C. Brown - 4	A. Davy - 2	G. Hogan - 1
G. Ferguson - 4	G. Emery - 2	R. Kerr - 1
A. C. Mills - 4	G. Glew - 2	C. Morrison - 1
J. A. Wood - 4	A. G. Lindblade - 2	A. Rigg - 1
T. W. Adamson - 3	A. B. Sloan - 2	B. Thompson - 1
P. Bishop - 3	H. Stevens - 2	R. Treacy - 1
A. Bernadou - 3	W. H. Waters - 2	R. Sime - 1
O. H. Betteson - 3	H. Williams - 2	L. Wade - 1

The following list gives particulars of the Club Races :—

Date.	Race.	Donors of Trophies.	Winning Crew.
1905. Dec. 9	Scratch Fours ...	Messrs. Fogarty & Waters	M. C. Brown (stroke), H. Stooke (3), R. E. Warburton (2), H. P. Bishop (bow)
Dec. 16	Scratch Pairs ...	Messrs. Moses and Aylwin	J. Watson (stroke), R. E. Warburton (bow)
1906. March 17	Scratch Fours ...	Messrs. Cooper & Benfold	T. Guinness (stroke) J. Watson (3), R. Adam (2), A. C. Mills (bow)
April 7	Scratch Eights...	J. Dillon, Esq. ...	H. Brasch (stroke), W. H. Waters (7) H. H. Burton (6), R. E. Warburton (5), C. A. Clarke (4), A. D. Robertson (2), F. O. Robertson (2), H. Williams (bow)
April 21	Scratch Pairs ...	C. H. Campbell, Esq. ...	G. Logan (stroke), A. F. Tanner (bow)
April 28	Scratch Pairs ...	Messrs. F. & G. Wilkins...	T. Guinness (stroke), A. F. Tanner (bow)

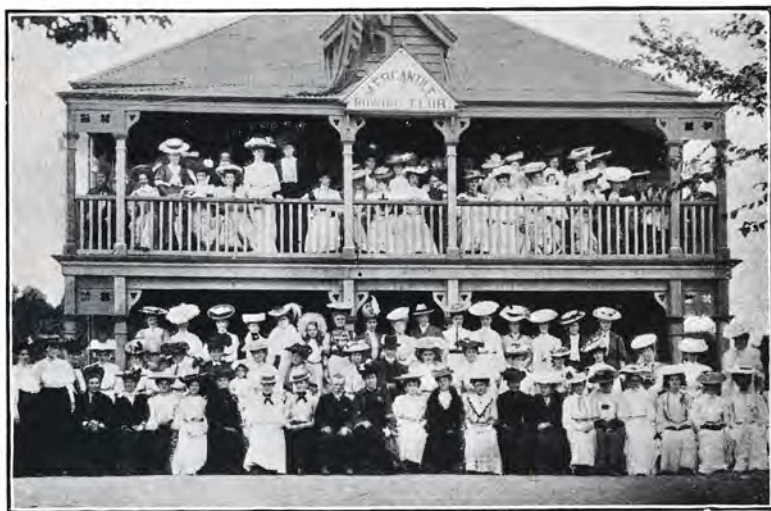
Morell Combination Eights.

The Combination Eights, for competition in which your Club invites the metropolitan rowing clubs to enter, and the trophies for which are annually presented by your President and generous supporter, Councillor S. J. Morell, were held on November 25th, 1905. They were, as usual, very successful. There was a good attendance of the members' friends and of the general public, and some excellent racing was witnessed. The three sister eights belonging to the Club were used. It has been decided that this event shall be held on the last Saturday of November in each year. The winning crew proved to be :—H. L. Cooper (Banks), G. Stevenson (Yarra), H. Balding (Banks), C. Morrison (Mercantile), H. Homershaw (Footscray), R. Treacy (Mercantile), R. Wallace (Civil Service), and A. Lang (Banks).

General Club Matters.

Members will be glad to learn that Mr. H. Lingdren, who some years ago was so successful in the Club's Senior and Champion crews, will be again rowing for the Club during the coming season.

The holding of Club Eights was made the occasion of a Ladies' Day, and there was a particularly large gathering of our lady friends, by whom a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Mrs. R. A. Cooper very generously entertained the members and their friends at afternoon tea. All the arrangements were carried out in the perfect manner in which Mrs. Cooper always does anything of this nature which she undertakes. The Club Room was quite transformed by artistic decorations of flags, flowers, &c. Di Gilios' string band provided first-class music throughout the afternoon. The kindness of Mrs. Cooper is thoroughly appreciated by the members, and their best thanks are due to her and those ladies who so loyally assisted her.



The members owe to the following gentlemen their sincere thanks for donations and trophies during the past season:—Councillor S. J. Morell, J. Dillon, Esq., R. A. Cooper, Esq., C. H. Campbell, Esq., W. Potter, Esq., C. Benfold, Esq., A. B. Sloan, Esq., J. Fogarty, Esq., W. H. Waters, Esq., J. Sloan, Esq., Messrs. F. and G. Wilkins, E. T. Bradshaw, Esq., A. R. Moses, Esq., A. M. Aylwin, Esq., Messrs. D. and W. Murray Limited, Messrs. Paterson, Laing, and Bruce Limited, and G. Wood, Esq.

The Annual Ball was held as usual at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, July 13th. Again it was in every way a complete success. The decorations were very effective, and your committee wish to thank Miss Burton for her valued assistance in this direction, and also those members who assisted. The arrangements left nothing to be desired, and were in the hands of the joint Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. Burton and Dobbie.

Your Committee desire to express their appreciation of the service rendered to the Club in coaching of crews by Messrs. A. L. Dobbie, G. Ferguson, L. Jones, and H. Lingdren. The success of the Club in regatta races is largely due to these gentlemen. Your Committee also wish to again express their appreciation of the services of Mr. T. Brennan as Hon. Auditor.

On Henley Day, Afternoon Tea was provided by the Club. Mrs. Cooper placed her services at the disposal of the Committee, and she carried out all the details perfectly. The Club room was tastefully decorated, and the members thoroughly appreciated the arrangements for their entertainment and comfort. Again do the members owe their thanks to Mrs. Cooper and our lady friends who assisted.

A Gas service has been connected with the boat-house, and proved a great convenience on the occasions of social functions on Henley Day and the Ladies' Day.

Your fellow member Mr. Roy Adam, sailed for England in March last, for a holiday. He availed himself of the opportunity of competing in the Diamond Sculls at "Henley-on-Thames." He had the sincere good wishes of the members for his success. He won his first heat, but did not qualify for the final. The same was the case with Mr. H. Bourke, of Tasmania, who competed in this race. During his late residence in Melbourne, Mr. Bourke was a member of your Club.

Your president, Councillor S. J. Morell, left on a visit to England about the same time as Mr. Roy Adam, and a dinner was tendered to these two gentlemen by the members at the Savoy Cafe, prior to their departure. There was a large gathering of members to wish them bon voyage, and the dinner was a brilliant success. It is expected that while your president will not have returned by the Annual Meeting, he will be here in time for the "Henley-on-Yarra."

Your Committee, in accord with the arrangement agreed to at the last Annual Meeting, decided in November last to appoint two representatives of the Club on the Committee of the V.R.A. Messrs. Moses and Dobbie were accordingly chosen to look after the Club's interests on that body.

The Annual Smoke Concert was held at the Orient Hotel, on June 23rd, and took the form of a complimentary night to Mr. Ivens, who shortly before had won the Interstate Sculling Championship. Your Club is proud to claim as a member Australia's Amateur Champion, and the members assembled in great force to do him honour. The musical programme was arranged by Mr. A. E. Hoof, and by all it is conceded to have been the best to which members have had the pleasure of listening. The thanks of the members are due to those gentlemen who by their contributions to the programme, so ably assisted in making it such an excellent one.

During the season two picnics were held—one by boats to Maribyrrong, and one in drags to Mentone. There was a good muster at each, and a thoroughly enjoyable outing resulted on both occasions

The arrangements with the Scotch College are still in force, to the mutual satisfaction of your Club and the College.

The attention of members is drawn to the following new Bye-law, which the Committee have deemed it imperative to make, in view of a number of cases in which persons who have been nominated for membership, and duly elected, have repudiated their liability for subscription:—*Bye-law No. 5.*—“All nominations for membership must be accompanied by at least half of the amount of the subscription, which will be returned in the event of the nominee not being elected.” This Bye-law will be strictly adhered to.

During the last two months five of our members have left the State on business. They are—Messrs. F. R. Brown, C. A. Clarke, C. Morrison, W. Heckle, and C. Beilby. Your Committee regret that their duties have obliged them to sever their connection with the Club, and wish them success in their new spheres.

A Boxing Class has been carried on in connection with the Club during the winter months, and there have been good musters of the members each night. Mr. S. Gray was the instructor.

The Club in May last affiliated with the Victorian branch of the Royal Life Saving Society, so that members might have the advantage of instruction in the methods of life saving, &c. A number availed themselves of the opportunity, and were taken in hand by Mr. E. Freadmann, the Hon. Instructor appointed by the Society. An examination was held at the end of August, with the gratifying result that all the class passed the specified examination.

Mr. H. H. Burton finds that business will oblige him to retire from the Committee, on which he has been elected for the last two years. He has also been Joint Secretary for the Annual Ball for three years, and much of their success has been due to the able manner in which Mr. Burton has carried out the duties of this office. Your Committee wish to thank him for his services to the Club.

Mr. A. L. Dobbie, who has held the office of Hon. Secretary for the past two seasons, has informed the Committee that he will be unable to continue to carry on the secretarial duties for the Club. Your Committee desire to express to him their thanks for and appreciation of, the very thorough manner in which he has conducted the Club's affairs during his term of office.

In accordance with the Rules, all Office-bearers retire by effluxion of time, but are eligible for re-election.

Fleet.

The fleet now possessed by the Club is the finest in the State. A new practice eight and practice four were launched at the commencement of the season. These boats have been named the “P. C. Ivens” and “E. T. Bradshaw” respectively, in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Club by these gentlemen during their long association with it. They have proved a great boon to members during the season in giving them ample boating accommo-

dation, which has been very necessary in view of the large attendances that have been the rule. A new racing sculling boat was also launched in January, and members competing in sculling races will now be boated in the best possible manner.

The Fleet is as follows :—

3	Practice Eights	1	Racing Clinker Eight
3	„ Fours	1	„ „ Four
4	„ Pairs	1	„ „ Pair
2	„ Sculling Boats	2	„ „ Sculling Boats
		1	One-streak Four

All the above boats are in first-class condition, thanks to the vigilance of the captain, and there is now a full supply of practice oars. The Committee desire to point out to members that the amount for repairs to boats and oars has been exceptionally heavy during the past season. This is due, to a large extent, to the carelessness of members in handling the Club's property. It is particularly requested that during the coming season care be exercised in this direction, and a considerable saving can be effected.

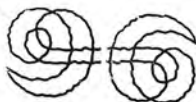
In order that your representatives in the senior eight at Henley on Yarra and the championship eights may not be at a disadvantage in the matter of boating, an order has been placed with Messrs. Jas. Edwards & Sons for a "best" boat.

In conclusion, your Committee desires to thank the members for their loyalty throughout the past season, and ask that the same assistance be rendered to the incoming officers, so that the affairs of the Club may be successfully and pleasantly carried on. The outlook for the coming season appears very bright, but the hearty co-operation and support of every member are necessary to enable these hopes to be realized.

On behalf of the Committee,

A. L. DOBBIE,

Hon. Secretary.



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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for Season 1905-6.

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RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Bank Balance, September, 1905	£82 14 3	By Entrance Fees, Regatta, Championship and Interstate Races	£52 0 0
" Subscriptions and Donations, including Outstandings from last season	315 8 6	" V.R.A.—Registration of 113 Members and 4 Coxswains	15 2 6
" Entrance Fees, Club and Combination Races	22 8 0	" Wages to Boathouse Attendant	25 17 0
" Sale of Old Material	2 0 0	" Regatta Functions and Smoke Concerts	17 18 2
" Balance—Proceeds Ball, 1905	11 0 0	" Printing and Stationery	17 18 11
" Part Proceeds Ball, 1906	12 5 0	" Repairs and Improvements to Boathouse	13 18 0
" Entrance Fees—Regatta and Championship Races	41 0 0	" Freight on Boats	10 4 9
" Sale of Caps and Singlets	8 13 6	" Honarium to Treasurer	5 5 0
" Contributions to Smoke Concerts, &c.	6 7 0	" Trophies for Club and Combination Races	27 4 8
" Sundry Refunds	3 2 3	" Water Rates	7 3 0
		" Rent, Rates, and Taxes	5 9 6
		" Insurances	5 14 4
		" Electric Light Account	2 5 6
		" Gas Account	0 2 6
		" Installation of Gas Service	3 11 1
		" Training Expenses	8 0 0
		" Postage and Duty Stamps, Telegrams, and Exchange	5 19 10
		" Furniture and Utensils	3 7 0
		" Presentations	9 7 11
		" Photos	3 19 9
		" Affiliation Fee, Upper Yarra Regatta	1 10 0
		" Bank Charges and Cheque Books	0 17 6
		" Coxswains' Expenses	5 7 1
		" Refund of Subscription—E. H. Cavell	1 3 6
		" Sundry Expenses	8 11 5
		" Caps and Singlets	8 8 2
		" Repairs to Boats, Oars, and Sculls	£50 2 6
		" Cost of C.P., Eight and Four, and Oars, and C.R. Sculling Boat and Sculls	125 18 0
		" Bank Balance	55 1 11
		" Less Cheque Outstanding	4 15 6
		Add Cash in Hand	50 6 5
			3 4 6
			53 10 11
			£507 18 6

Audited and found correct,

THOS. F. BRENNAN, A.I.A.V., Hon. Auditor.

P. C. IVENS, Hon. Treasurer.

MELBOURNE, 10th September, 1906.

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BALANCE-SHEET FOR SEASON 1905-6.

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LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
To Trophy Orders Unpresented	By Boats, Oars, and Sculls, at valuation	£307 10 0
" Capital at 10th September, 1906	" Boats, Oars, and Sculls, at cost	125 18 0
			£433 8 0
		" Boat-house, at valuation
		" Estimated Profit on Ball, 1906	... 16 15 4
		" Less Amount already received	... 12 5 0
			4 10 4
		" Outstanding Subscriptions
		" Due for Photos
		" Boxing Gloves
		" Caps and Singlets
		" Balance—Cash at Bank	... 55 1 11
		" Less Cheque Outstanding	... 4 15 6
			50 6 5
		" Cash in Hand	... 3 4 6
			53 10 11
			£872 5 3

Audited and found correct,

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P. C. IVENS, Hon. Treasurer.

MELBOURNE, 10th September, 1906.