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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE J.B.A.A.

PROVISION MADE FOR A CLUB CAPTAIN

Constitution Amended to Allow of This —Yearly Report Presented and Officers Elected.

There was a large attendance of shareholders at the annual meeting of the James Bay Athletic Association at the club house last evening. H. D. Helmcken, the president, occupied the chair, and after the usual preliminaries the meeting unanimously carried the motion by F. W. Thomas to amend section 64 of the constitution by adding the words "A club captain to be elected at this annual meeting."

The report of D. O'Sullivan, acting chairman of the trustees, was received and adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, H. Dallas Helmcken (re-elected); vice-president, Rev. W. Baugh Allan (re-elected); trustees, J. J. Shalloo, W. A. Lawson, D. O'Sullivan, A. E. Todd, and J. O. Bridgman; auditor, H. P. Hewitt; committee of management, D. O'Sullivan, J. Leeming, J. A. McDevitt, F. W. Thomas, D. Leeming, T. A. Ker, H. E. Hobbs, W. T. Andrews, J. Sullivan, D. B. Brown, club captain, D. O'Sullivan.

Following is the annual report: To the President and Members of the James Bay Athletic Association, Ltd.: Gentlemen.—The managing committee of the James Bay Athletic Association have much pleasure in presenting to you the fourteenth annual report and financial statement.

It is with every satisfaction that we can report the club to be in a fairly prosperous condition. Since our last annual meeting the surroundings of the club have undergone a wonderful transformation, and your committee confidently hopes that with the completion of the proposed public improvements, now in course of construction, the membership of the club will materially increase, that the youth of the city will realize the benefit from joining this association, and be desirous of assisting this club in extending its usefulness, and in endeavoring to maintain in field sports the very high position it holds in aquatic circles.

The total membership of the club as on the 31st December, 1904, was 287, and viewed in the light of the different class of membership under the by-laws, we are pleased to state that the members stand as follows:

Senior members 207
Junior members 11
Absent members 24
Life members 13
Lady tennis members 24
Gentlemen tennis members 7

Applications for membership during the year:
Senior 54
Junior 8

Resignations 47

Considering the question of physical deterioration which has caused so much discussion in the Mother Country, with such excellent advantages possessed by this club there ought to be no room for any such important issue being raised with reference to the city of Victoria.

This year this club undertakes the management of the N. P. A. A. O. regatta, and this club, always fully supported by the citizens of Victoria, expects that in such a heavy undertaking it will receive the hearty co-operation of all those who take an interest in sport so as to make the forthcoming meet a decided success.

A gratifying feature in connection with the membership of the club is the large lady membership of the lawn tennis branch. The N. P. A. A. held meet this year will be held at Portland, Oregon, during the holding of the Lewis & Clark exposition, and this meet is expected to be one of the chief events of that fair. The club will use every effort to obtain candidates in this branch of sports to contest in the various events, and we have every confidence that each of our competitors will worthily uphold the honor of the club.

This association has also manifested a very strong interest in football and assisted in the foundation of the Victoria Schools Rugby Football League, and gave a cup for competition.

This association has also assisted in the management of the school sports held in connection with the agricultural exhibition. We regret to record the death of three members who took a very active interest in the welfare of the association, viz.: R. Rose Munro, Hector Galbraith and James S. Byrn, whose loss is deeply deplored and whose places will be difficult to fill.

Home.
Your committee beg to report: That, in comparison with former years, the expenditure on improvements has not been quite so heavy. The chief items of improvements and alterations are as follows: Bathrooms painted, new blinds put on windows, and floors covered with linoleum. In the gymnasium, the handball court has been greatly improved by moving the floor of the lavatory, which was in the centre of the wall, to the side. The area of the court has been extended five feet and the lines newly painted. Great difficulty has been experienced in getting a satisfactory light for the handball court, but we are pleased to report that this has been remedied by new lights having been installed on a new main wire. The literature in the reading room has been kept up to the usual standard, new magazines having been added and several changes made. The sale of magazines has not met with the success anticipated. This we regret to report is in a measure due to numbers mutilating the magazines by actually cutting out articles and illustrations: this is a most reprehensible practice, and it is to be hoped that same will cease. Physical culture classes were inaugurated in the early part of the year, the services

of a very capable instructor having been secured. The attendances at the classes during the spring months was rather gratifying, but we regret to report that when the classes were again started during the winter season they were so poorly attended that they had to be discontinued. As this branch is a most desirable and important one, it is to be hoped that further efforts will be made to re-establish same, and that greater interest will be manifested by the members.

Whilst evenings have again started. Weekly tournaments are being held in the card room. The attendance at same indicates that this amusement is likely to maintain popular popularity. A prize will be presented to the players holding the best average at the end of the season.

Handball.
The past year has been one of the most successful handball seasons in the annals of the club. This might be attributed to the fact that round tournaments have been introduced.

During the season five tournaments have been conducted, and one for the championship of the club is now in progress, for which two cups given by the club are being competed for.

The first tournament, in which the teams were drawn by lot, was won by W. W. Thomas, by E. E. W. Smith and R. D. Quay. The second, a single handicap, was won by S. Joet. The third was a round tournament (in which each team played every other team) was won by D. Jones and W. Jesse with a score of seven straight games. The fourth was won by S. Joet and B. C. Pettigall, with a score of eight wins and one loss. The sixth is now in progress as above stated.

Recommendations.
We would recommend to the incoming committee that a tournament be arranged for the intermediate players who are not participating in the present championship tournament.

Basketball.
The senior team has, to date, only played two league games, which resulted in one victory to their credit. The intermediate team, while not as strong as their playing last season, is expected to secure third place in a six-team contest, while our junior team stands an excellent opportunity for securing first place in the league in that grade.

In order to provide medals or other trophies for the winning teams this season in the senior, intermediate and junior games, the league decided to charge an entrance fee for teams entering the league, one dollar for seniors, \$5 for seniors, \$2.50 for intermediates, and \$1.50 for juniors.

Our senior team established an enviable record in the intermediate city league last season in competition for the Armstrong challenge cup, a trophy presented by Mr. Armstrong, of Vancouver, having gone through the series of games without a defeat, and thereby securing the cup for the initial season. Arrangements are now pending for the drawing up of a schedule for inter-city games for the coming year, which will no doubt be completed for at the close of the city league here, and it is safe to predict that if our senior team secures first place in the city league they will retain possession of the Armstrong cup for the second term.

Negotiations are now pending towards securing exhibition matches between our senior team and both the Seattle and Tacoma teams, and it is to be hoped same will be brought to a successful termination, those inter-city games promoting as they do a deeper interest in the game, and encouraging the players in the upholding of the fair play principle, besides being a considerable item in our finances.

Field Sports.
The first annual field day of our association was held on June 11th at the Victoria Driving Park, and, despite counter attractions, was successful both from a sporting and financial point of view, being a balance of \$35.25, after all accounts were paid. The above balance was set aside to partly defray the expenses of the team representing our association at the N. P. A. A. O. meet held at Vancouver on July 2nd.

There was a total of thirty entries for the meet, including two members from the Victoria Point Athletic Club, of Vancouver, also, always fully supported by the Recreation Club, the Navy, McGill Athletic Association, Gowan Harriers, and eight from our own members.

The various events were well contested, but owing to the poor condition of the track the time made was not very good. The meet was carried off by our club, the following members making a creditable showing:

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During the season a club tournament was held, in which great interest was taken, and the play showed a marked improvement over previous years. The winners in the different events were as follows: Gentlemen's singles, F. A. Macrae; gentlemen's doubles, F. A. Macrae and J. Leeming; ladies' singles, Miss A. Fothergill; ladies' doubles, F. A. Macrae and Miss Macrae. Suitable prizes were presented by the Rev. Archdeacon Scriven to the successful competitors. The club joined the North Pacific Inter-

national Tennis Association, which was formed this year between the clubs of the Coast cities, the first tournament being held at the Belcher street courts. Messrs. B. P. Schwengers and J. A. Rutherford represented our association in both single and double events, and made excellent showings. Mr. Schwengers played in the single finals against Mr. R. B. Powell for the championship of the Pacific Coast, and our representative also played in the final doubles against Messrs. Powell and Goward. They were defeated in both events, but, considering that our club is in its infancy, this may be regarded as a good showing.

Several much needed improvements were made to the grounds during the season. The fence at the back of the courts was strengthened and boarded up six feet high, the wire from this portion of the fence being moved and placed on the fence on Kingston street. The need of a fourth court was greatly felt, but as our lease of the grounds was of such short duration it was thought best to try and arrange with the owners for an extension of same, which matter is now under consideration.

Boating.
Your boating committee take pleasure in reporting that during the past year the club has again upheld to a great degree its reputation in aquatic sports.

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