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“MORE ACTIVITY

Rowing in Dominion

“Increased rowing activity is noted with 'pleasure by' the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association in its annual report to be presented at the annual meeting on Thursday. It refers to the intention of local associations to institute regatta programmes on a more ambitious basis this year, and adds that it is particularly pleasing to learn that some of the men who have returned from service overseas have again taken up the sport. The association received from the Maadi Camp Rowing Club a cup which it is intended should be presented by Youssef Bahgat, of Cairo, for most points in a regatta in Egypt on November 20, 1943. It was won outright by the New Zealand representatives who were Burge (Star), Coates (Star), Dawson (Star), Free (Novice), Gilby (Canterbury-Avon): Granville (Wanganui Union), Pert (Star), Taylor (Kawatiri), Waugh (Novice, Te Kuiti); Martin (Canterbury (Cox), and Cox Canterbury (Coach). It had been hoped to draft proposed rules for consideration by delegates at the annual meeting but it was considered desirable to have more information at the council's disposal before adopting this course. Particularly, it would like to have the advice of representatives of secondary schools as to the most suitable arrangements for competition for the trophy.

The report records with deep regret the death during the year of one of the association's vice-presidents, Mr. R. J. Hobbs, of Christchurch. Two others who had given long service to the sport, Mr. F. M. Spurdle, Wellington, and Mr. A. C. Norden, Auckland, also died during the year.

Congratulations are extended to Lieut-Colonel J. 1. Thodey on his having been awarded the D.S.O. Lieut-Colonel Thodey was a member of the council when he enlisted at the outbreak of war for service overseas.

The financial position was satisfactory, the year's income having exceeded expenditure by £34 16s 6d. Capitation was again not levied and the income was thus confined to interest on investments. Expenditure again kept down to a minimum, totalled £17 18s 8d.”