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THE GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL CLUB

THE NEW GROUND

A general meeting of the Gloucester Football Club was held at the Ram Hotel last evening, for the purpose of confirming the action of the committee in instructing Messrs. Vears and Boughton to sign the contract for the purchase of the Kingsholm ground. Mr. A. W. Vears presided over a large meeting, and Mr. Boughton said they had received promises to take shares to the amount of £2,500, which was sufficient to justify them in going on with the purchase, though it was highly desirable that the amount should be increased to £3,000, as the greater the capital of the company, the less they would have to raise on mortgage.

He read the agreement which it was proposed to enter into between the club and the company, and which stipulated that the tenancy should be a yearly one, commencing about the beginning of September, and running on to the middle of April, the rent to be paid by the club to be an annual sum, payable on the 1st May, of one-third of the gross income of the club, such sum not to exceed £275 in any one year, which was 5 per cent on the outlay of the company. Power is reserved to the club to acquire the ground at any time on a professional valuation. – Some few remarks were made as to the probability of the club being able to pay such a rent, and the chairman explained that that it had been estimated that the expenses would be much less and the income greater at the new ground than on the Spa, which was an expensive ground to work. It was thought £100 pounds a year would be saved in expenses. – Mr. J. Franklin proposed and Mr. D. Lane seconded the confirmation of the resolution passed by the committee, and this was unanimously carried.

The club having the power to appoint one director on the board of directors from the committee of the club, Mr. S. S. Starr was unanimously chosen to represent the club on the Board, and in thanking the meeting for the confidence reposed in him Mr. Starr promised to do his best for the club, and expressed his intention to consult the committee before taking action on any important matter.

Mr. Bagwell occasioned some merriment by humorously remarking that he hoped Mr. Starr would consult the Committee before putting down salt, and the meeting then terminated.