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## Annual Congress and Camp-Out

Mr. Barker, R.A.O.U., State Secretary for Queensland, has forwarded the following information regarding the above. As at present intended the twenty-ninth Congress will open in Brisbane on Tuesday, October 7, 1930, and continue until Friday, October 10. The delegates will then proceed by rail to Biggenden, a town 54 miles west of Maryborough, and 196 from Brisbane, and will there be accommodated at the Royal Hotel, whence the party will radiate out to different points of interest in the scrub, visiting the Coulston Lakes, etc. About three days will be spent in this locality, and then the party will proceed to Maryborough, and from there embark for Fraser Island, via the Mary River. Visitors will be accommodated at the Forest Station, owned by the Queensland Forest Service, whose guests they will be during their stay, which will be possibly of a week's duration.

For the benefit of those intending to make the trip, it should be stated that Fraser Island is an immense sandy island laying off the mouth of the Mary River—it is about 70 miles in length by an average width of 12 miles. The Rain Scrub, which is the objective of the Camp-out on the island, runs north and south through the centre of the island, and to reach the camping site it will be necessary to land from a boat at the mouth of Woongoonyah Creek and walk about five miles along a level sandy road. All gear, however, will be transported by the Forest Service in the only waggon on the island, and as the road wanders

through interesting country the walk can be regarded as the first excursion. There are several fine lakes near the site of the camp, which is on the edge of the scrub, and these will add to the attraction of the spot.

Visitors will need to provide themselves with camp gear for this part of the trip as the accommodation, though ample, is unfurnished. There will be a cook with the party, and ample provisions, the cost of which will be borne by members attending the Camp-out pro rata. It is requested that each one provide himself or herself with a stretcher and rug or such other camp comforts he or she wishes, but crockery and cutlery will be provided.

In order that members may have an idea of the cost of the outing, railway fares, etc., are appended. Members will travel in Queensland at two-thirds of the ordinary excursion rates. The tariff at the hotel in Biggenden is 12/- per day, and the expenses on Fraser Island are expected to be about 40/- or 50/- each.

Members wishing accommodation in Brisbane will be supplied with a full list of hotels, etc., on application to the Queensland State Secretary.

The dates and times for the suggested programme are as follows, but this may be subject to minor alteration to fit in with conditions:—

The conference in Brisbane will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 1930, and close on Friday, October 10.

The party will leave Brisbane for Biggenden at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 10, and arrive at Biggenden the following morning at 7 a.m.

Biggenden will be left at noon on Monday, October 13, and the delegates will arrive at Maryborough at 5 p.m. the same day.

Leaving Maryborough at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14, members arrive at Fraser Island Camp the same afternoon.

Fraser Island will be left on Monday, October 20, and Maryborough will be reached, and left at 6 p.m. the same day. The party arrives in Brisbane at 6 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

The Railway Department will place a second class sleeping car fitted with 30 berths at the disposal of the party on the 5 p.m. train to Biggenden, and this will be used as a day coach on the journey from Biggenden to Maryborough, and will be attached as a sleeper to the Rockhampton Mail for the return trip from Maryborough to Brisbane on Monday, October 20.

Interstate fares (concession rates) are as follows:—

Sydney to Brisbane—First return, £6/2/8; second return, £4/2/-. Plus sleepers and booked seats, first class only (optional), 21/3 each way.

Melbourne to Brisbane—First return, £10; second return, £6/13/4. Plus sleepers and booked seats, first class only (optional), 42/6 each way.

Adelaide to Brisbane—First return, £13; second return, £8/13/4. Plus sleepers and booked seats, first class only (optional), 67/6 each way.

No sleepers are available for second class passengers, but seats may be booked at a cost of 2/6 for each train.

**Queensland Fares:—**

Brisbane to Biggenden, 200 miles, 16/4 concession rates; sleeper, 5/6 extra.

Biggenden to Maryborough, 54 miles, 5/2 concession rates; no sleeper required.

Maryborough to Fraser Island and return to Maryborough. For this part of the journey the party will be the guests of the Harbours and Rivers Department on s.s. "Relief."

Maryborough to Brisbane, 167 miles—Second class, 13/8 single; sleeper, 5/6 extra.

State Secretaries and others are most industrious in arranging the Congresses and Camp-outs. These are for the benefit of members generally, and it is hoped that they will take advantage of the arrangements made. For some years past the attendance has been poor, and has hardly justified the work carried out in connection with them. The localities chosen for the coming Camp-out should be admirable for the object in view—the study of birds, and it is sincerely hoped that members will attend in large numbers.

Members are invited to forward to the Editor or Hon. General Secretary papers to be read at Congress, and contributions of this nature should be marked as such.

## Reviews

["The Migration of Birds."—By Alexander Wetmore, A.O.U. Third impression—216 pages and index. Published by the Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.]

Although dealing principally with American birds and their migrations, nevertheless much concerning the migrants of other countries, including Australia, is included. The list of contents is indicative of the numbers of subjects, incidentals of migration, that are dealt with—among other matters the author deals, fully and succinctly, with regular and irregular migration, casual records, the homing instinct of the wanderers, speed and height of migratory flights, distances travelled and mortality during the