State Secretary's Report

TASMANIA.

The Tasmanian members of the R.A.O.U. are looking forward to the Annual Congress which is to be held in Hobart next November. The Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and the Council of the Royal Society have kindly agreed to assist in every way possible in order to make the meeting a success.

The Royal Society's Lecture Hall and the rooms at the Museum will be available for the Conference. It has been arranged that members will leave Melbourne on Friday, November 2nd, in which case they will arrive at Hobart on Saturday evening. As the first Monday in November is a public holiday in Tasmania, the actual official work of the Conference will not commence until the Tuesday morning, but for the first two days that the delegates are in Hobart arrangements will be made for them to visit places of interest in the vicinity of the capital, where they will be able to carry out a certain amount of field work concerning the birds of the locality.

At the conclusion of the Conference it is proposed to hold a camp out at Adventure Bay, situated some thirty odd miles south of Hobart. In this locality members will be able not only to study the avifauna of the forest, but also the sea birds of the southern coasts. The large Penguin rookery in the near vicinity will also add additional interest.

In order to have the arrangements as complete as possible, the State Secretary for Tasmania (Mr. Clive Lord, Director of the Tasmanian Museum, Hobart) would be glad if members who propose to attend the conference would advise him as soon as possible of their intention and details concerning hotel accommodation and other matters will be forwarded.

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