

accustomed haunts, is a serious matter, and it was felt that a decision should not be arrived at hastily. The views of members throughout the Commonwealth would assist the Council in this matter.

Mr. Arnold, secretary of the Melbourne Bird Observers' Club, attended the meeting, and was informed that the Council agreed to the affiliation of the Club as a branch of the R.A.O.U.

R.A.O.U. Congress, 1927, Western Australia.

For the second time in the history of the R.A.O.U., the Annual Congress and Camp-out will be held this year in the western State.

In 1920 a large number of members, representing every State in the Commonwealth, participated in the proceedings, and it is hoped that on the present occasion many more members may find it convenient to take this opportunity of becoming acquainted with the ornithology of the western side of Australia.

The date of the Congress has been amended from that published in the April *Emu* to four weeks later.

Conference will open at the W.A. Museum on October 18, delegates from the east arriving in Perth on the previous day, Monday, October 17. According to the new schedule, therefore, Sydney members will have to leave on October 12, and Melbourne and Adelaide members each a day later.

A reception by Mr. E. A. Le Souef and the Acclimatization Committee will be accorded the visitors at the Zoological Gardens on the afternoon of the day of arrival, and after 2½ days in session, the party will entrain for the camp, in the extreme south-west.

The camping site has been chosen on the western shore of Nornalup Inlet, at the Deep River. The country for many miles around is entirely virgin, and comprises big timber (including the giant karri and tingle-tingle), swamps, plains, and the many miles of inland waterway of Nornalup Inlet. Up to a few years ago settlement in this vast area had been negligible, but the active establishment of group settlements at many points will effect a radical change. The camp site, 50 miles from the head of the railway at Denmark, and about 70 miles from Pemberton, lies near the surveyed route of the proposed Pemberton-Denmark railway, the construction of which will bring new group settlements in the area. The proposed visit of the R.A.O.U. is therefore timely. The camp will extend from October 21 to 30.

It is important that members who contemplate being present inform the General Secretary as early as possible.