

Bird Protection in Tasmania.—Mr. Clive Lord, State Secretary for Tasmania, has written advising of the inauguration in that State of "The Animals and Birds Protection Board" to deal with the conservation of fauna. Two members of the R.A.O.U. have been appointed to the Board, namely, Mr. Lord and Mr. Arthur Butler. The original members' term of office is to be four years. This appears to be a step in the right direction which will doubtless go far towards promoting a splendid measure of protection to the Tasmanian fauna generally.

Annual Congress and Camp-Out

The annual congress for 1929 will be held in Adelaide in early October. This will be an important session in the history of the R.A.O.U., and the South Australian members are making special efforts to see that all who attend will have an enjoyable and profitable time. After the small attendance of the 1928 Canberra session, the Council is anxious that members should attend in the numbers associated with earlier congresses, when over 40 camped on the Bunya Mountains and a similar party made a delightful excursion on the Murray River in the *Arcadia*.

On account of the bad season in the northern areas, including Moolawatana, S.A., the suggestion that the 1929 Camp-out be held there has been abandoned, and the proposal that the Camp-out be at Salt Creek on the Coorong, near the mouth of the Murray, has been endorsed by the Council. The cost of this trip should be reasonable in view of the locality being so easy of access. The proposed date of the Camp-out is from about the 7th to the 14th October. The ladies of the party will occupy the accommodation house and the men will sleep under canvas. Mallee scrub, lake and inlet of the sea provide good variety in the bird-life, and a profitable week should be the lot of those taking part. Early application should be made to the State Secretary for the concession tickets which are available.

Correspondence

BIRD PROTECTION IN VICTORIA.

A letter has been received from Mr. F. Lewis, Chief Inspector of Fisheries and Game for Victoria, drawing attention to the fact that the position regarding the bird protection Acts of that State is not as outlined in Mr. J. R. Kinghorn's article in the April issue of *The Emu*. The

bird protection Acts of Victoria were amended very considerably in 1925, and, in addition, since 1917 a great many alterations in the regulations have been made, particularly in regard to close seasons for various birds. Magpies, for instance, have been afforded protection in Victoria during the whole year, for many years past, as also have Native Companions, Stilts, Gang-gang Cockatoos and others.

Mr. Lewis also states that the need for uniformity among the States does not exist because of different climatic conditions throughout the Commonwealth.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION.

Royal Society's Rooms,
North Terrace, Adelaide,
10th June, 1929.

The Editor, *The Emu*.

Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union,
Melbourne,

Dear Sir,

At the monthly meeting of the above association on 31st ultimo, a discussion took place on the Animal and Birds Protection Act, and I was instructed to advise you as follows:—

“In an article in *The Emu*, Vol. XXVIII., pp. 263-271, entitled ‘Bird Protection in Australia,’ Mr. J. R. Kinghorn gives a very misleading account of affairs as far as South Australia is concerned both by his mistakes and omissions. He does not mention that the Cape Barren Goose is totally protected. The Little Lorikeet, which he states is unprotected, is totally protected. The Musk Lorikeet, which he states is partially protected, is wholly unprotected. The open season for Wattle Birds (1st February to 30th June) is given a month shorter than is actually the case. He omits all mention of a bag limit in any one day for quail (40) and duck (25). The Blue-billed Duck is included in the open season for Wild Duck from 15th February to 31st July, not from 1st February to 31st June (sic). The shooting of game for sale in, or export from, South Australia is prohibited. He does not mention that all introduced Finches are totally unprotected.”

Yours faithfully,

J. SUTTON, Hon. Secretary.

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