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The procedure in future will be that upon application by any person so convicted, the licensing officer will advise the applicant that the Minister's approval is first necessary, and that application for the license must be made in writing to the Director. At the same time a comprehensive confidential report in relation to the applicant's general behaviour since his conviction should be forwarded, as well as any other information which might assist the Minister in arriving at a just decision.

COMMONWEALTH-STATE CONFERENCE OF FAUNA PROTECTION.

Representatives of all State fauna authorities and of a number of Commonwealth Departments conferred in Canberra on August 5, 6 and 7 at the invitation of the Comptroller-General, Department of Customs and Excise. The conference had been called to discuss fauna protection laws throughout Australia and the possibility of making them uniform. Delegates also had to consider the general question of exports of native birds and mammals.

It was agreed that the introduction of common policies on protection and preservation of fauna was not practicable on account of the different conditions experienced in each State. General agreement was reached, however, on interstate and overseas export procedure. The new rules should close loopholes in the permit system. It was also agreed to extend invitations to the Commonwealth Departments of Customs and of the Interior to attend future bi-ennial interstate conferences.