

taken during the weekend to sites and vantage points around the metropolitan area, to the Fremantle fishing boat harbour and fish-markets and to private homes.

The Conference will conclude on June 1 and most delegates will return to their respective homes by the week-end. Some, however, will remain to discuss matters arising out of the Conference with local interested persons and officers.

BIRD SHOW TO BE RESTRICTED

Late last year the Avicultural Society of W.A. wrote to the Minister advising that it would like to prepare a display of Western Australian birds for the Empire Games, to be held in 1962. The Society said that it had already approached and received support from the Lord Mayor of Perth (Sir Harry Howard), who is Chairman of the Organising Council of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games Committee, 1962. The Society expressed its desire to put on a high-class show and, to make the display more comprehensive, sought approval to take a number of protected species for the purpose. After due consideration, and on the recommendation of the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee, the Minister has advised the Avicultural Society that while he would have no objection to the display of aviary-bred birds, no permission could be granted for the taking of protected species from the wild for the display. It was feared that to do so would cause an inescapable amount of mortality amongst species not normally caged.