

SMALL SALARY INCREASE

Officers who keep a close check on their salary credits may have noticed a slight increase in the last pay or two. Although the Arbitration Court at its last quarterly review determined that there would be no alteration in the basic wage, the half-yearly review of salary rates obtaining in other States resulted in increases being made to marginal allowances.

Advice to this effect was received last month in a circular from the Public Service Commissioner. Senior males will receive an increase of £8 a year, senior females £5 a year, while juniors will get pro rata increases commencing from £3 a year for 15 year old cadets - the equivalent of 2/4 a fortnight.

FAUNA PROTECTION IN KIMBERLEY

Law enforcement in this State has, in recent years, undergone some particularly noteworthy changes. Some of the more obvious have been the disappearance from the streets of the starting-price bookmaker, and the enforcement of hotel trading hours in such redoubts as Kalgoorlie, Boulder and Collie. Of lesser note, but nonetheless foreshadowing the shape of things to come, the conviction in Broome of a person for illegally taking a wild turkey (reported in the previous issue of this Bulletin) heralded the coming of fauna protection law to the Kimberley. Long held to ridicule by the northerner who claimed to devour fauna wardens without salt, fauna protection took another step forward in Broome last month when Mr Baird successfully prosecuted his second case. For shooting snipe in an area known as McDaniel's camp, Douglas Fong was fined £4 while his youthful companion, Victor D. Fong, was fined £2. In addition each had to pay 8/- costs. The laws of the State must be applied with equality to all citizens and Mr Baird is to be commended for his forthright approach to a very difficult problem.