

industrial standardization, has offered Secretary Hoover the use of its machinery in carrying out the detailed work on technical projects initiated in the simplification program of the Department of Commerce. The committee hopes to be of great value to Mr. Hoover in this simplification program of the department. It was as a result of this hope that the designation of Mr. Stevenson as a representative came about.

The American Engineering Standards Committee has been actively at work somewhat over two years, during which time it has brought about a large measure of industry-wide co-operation. In this work more than a hundred national organizations are participating through representatives officially designated by them. The formulation of the standard for each specific project is in the hands of a working committee made up of representatives officially designated by the various bodies concerned. Eighteen standards have received formal approval as nationally recognized standards, and work on more than sixty other projects is in various stages of development. The committee is maintained jointly by twenty-nine national organizations, including five departments of the federal government, nine national engineering societies, and fifteen national industrial associations.

There are now similar national industrial standardizing bodies in thirteen foreign countries, all but one of which were formed during or since the war. Of these the British and the German work is the most extensive, but active and important work is going forward in other countries.

#### COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF MAMMALS AT THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

THE American Museum of Natural History plans to hold a competitive exhibition of photographs of mammals at the time of the annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists. These photographs will be exhibited in the halls of the museum and all entries must be made on or before May 10. These photographs will be on exhibition to the general

public for one month. Prizes will be offered for the best photographs, and the conditions of entry are as set forth below:

1. Only such photographs will be accepted for exhibition as are deemed suitable by the committee.

2. Photographs will be exhibited and judged under two categories: *first*, photographs of mammals in the wild state; *second*, photographs of mammals in captivity. Photographs of domestic mammals are not desired.

3. The American Society of Mammalogists will be asked to select the judges who will award the prizes.

4. Photographs may be of any size, but they should be affixed to cardboard or paper mat, preferably gray. No photograph should be sent unmounted. Contestants may submit any number of photographs.

5. The installation of the exhibition will be done by the museum, and all entries will be returned, postpaid, if desired by the exhibitor. The museum, however, would be pleased to accept for its files any photographs of especial interest. While the museum will exercise every possible care of the material exhibited, it does not assume any responsibility for loss or damage.

6. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: for the best photographs of mammals in the wild state: First prize, \$100; second prize, \$60; third prize, \$40; for the best photographs of mammals in captivity: First prize, \$50; second prize, \$30; third prize, \$20. A certificate of honorable mention will be awarded to not more than five additional exhibitors in each category.

Committee on exhibition: H. E. Anthony, Herbert Lang, Robert C. Murphy, G. Clyde Fisher.

#### ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION AND ITS SECTIONS

THE American Geophysical Union and its several sections met, March 6-8, at the offices of the National Research Council, Washington, D. C., to hear reports of committees, to consider the agenda for the meetings in Rome, May, 1922, of the International Geodetic and