

contains over half of all the beads of this type and period so far discovered.

The other material collected this summer for the Logan Museum illustrates every type of European prehistory from the Eolithic to the Bronze Age, and was gathered in England, France, Switzerland and Denmark. It includes eoliths from the Harrisonian collection of East Anglia, early paleoliths from Dr. Balfour, of Oxford, and Dr. Lewis Clark, of Cambridge, also Cromer flints from Messrs. Maynard and Reid Moyre, of Ipswich. From France, Mousterian material was obtained from La Quina through Dr. Henri-Martin, from Haute Roche through L. Didon, also from Le Moustier, Le Placard and Le Miquoc. The Aurignacian flints came from Laussel, George d' Enfer and La Blanchard.

The Solutrean collection came from Laugerie Haute and La Placard. Neolithic and bronze material was obtained through the National Museum at Zurich, Switzerland, also Neolithic objects from Denmark, obtained through collectors, but passed upon by Inspector Kjør of the National Museum at Copenhagen, Denmark.

Magdalenian artifacts from Limeuil, La Madeleine and Laugerie Basse were secured through the efforts of Abbe Bouyssonie. Some very interesting objects, including an urn from a dolmen burial, were obtained from Tebessa, Algeria, through the kind offices of M. Reygasse, a governor in the province of Constantine, Algeria.

All who are interested in this collection are cordially invited to inspect it and to study not only the materials on exhibition, but those duplicates which are placed in storage, but which will be made accessible, at any time, to those who wish to study them

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THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON STANDARDIZATION

THE Peruvian government has invited the twenty-one republics in the Pan-American Union to a conference on standardization to be held at Lima, Peru, beginning on December 23 of this year. The conference is called by the Pan-American Union at the request of the Fifth International Conference of American States which met at Santiago, Chile, in 1923. The Peruvian government will act as host.

Sixty technical and trade organizations in this country have been invited to send representatives and there will be representatives of similar organizations from other countries.

The general purpose of this conference will be to study the possibilities of developing inter-American and international standards for raw and finished ma-

terials as well as standardized classifications and nomenclature and to make recommendations with regard to the steps to be taken by the states looking toward the development of these objectives.

The Peruvian government has sought the cooperation of the Pan-American Union and the Inter-American High Commission in the development of plans and agenda, and these departments in turn have sought the advice of representative organizations and individuals. The preparatory work in questions relating to agricultural products and raw materials are being handled by the U. S. Departments of Commerce and Agriculture. The American Engineering Standards Committee has assumed an important part in preparing for the work among the manufacturing industries of this country and at the request of Director General Rowe has organized an advisory committee.

No attempt will be made to adopt actual standards at this meeting, but it is hoped that a substantial basis for inter-American standardization can be laid, first, through the development and encouragement of standardization work in the various states and, second, through the designation of some organization which will act as a central agency for the development of inter-American standardization. It is expected that plans will be made for a second conference within a couple of years.

The Peruvian government has not yet published the final agenda. The advisory committee to Director General Rowe of the Pan-American Union is, however, engaged in getting papers together for the conference. These will deal not only with the broad principles of standardization both national and international, but with practical economic conditions and there will be a number of papers of a popular nature dealing with particularly notable achievements in the field of standardization. Since the field of raw materials is more nearly ready for immediate cultivation and is of special interest to many of the American states, emphasis at this first conference will be laid upon this side of the undertaking.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HIGHWAY RESEARCH BOARD

THE Highway Research Board will hold its fourth annual meeting on December 4 and 5 in the new building of the National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, will present a paper on the "Financial value of highway research as applied to road construction."

The various committees of the board will make their reports which will include the following subjects: The economic theory of highway improvements, structural design of roads, character and use of road