

Thomas F. Kehoe Attends Conference for Western Canadian Archaeology



DELEGATES OF CONFERENCE FOR WESTERN CANADIAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Back Row Left to Right: Robert E. Greengo, University of Washington (Seattle); Robert Kidd, University of Washington (Seattle); Jack Herbert, National Historic Sites (Ottawa); Richard S. Daugherty, Washington State College (Pullman); Richard S. MacNeish, National Museum of Canada (Ottawa); Thomas F. Kehoe, Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History (Regina); Douglas Leechman, National Museum of Canada (retired in Victoria); Wilson Duff, Provincial Museum of British Columbia (Vancouver); Thomas R. McCloy, Glenbow Foundation (Calgary).

Front Row Left to Right: Secretary, Glenbow Foundation (Calgary); Richard G. Forbis, Glenbow Foundation (Calgary); Secretary Glenbow Foundation (Calgary); Delegates, University of Alberta (Edmonton); Claude E. Schaeffer, Museum of the Plains Indian (Browning); H. Kenneth Cronk, Saskatoon Archaeological Society (Saskatoon); Charles E. Borden, University of British Columbia (Vancouver).

The first Conference for Western Canadian Archaeology was sponsored in Calgary, Alberta, by the Glenbow Foundation during September 7-10. Delegates from Saskatchewan were Thomas F. Kehoe, Curator of Archaeology and Ethnology at the Saskatchewan Museum, Alice B. Kehoe, and H. Kenneth Cronk of the Saskatoon Archaeological Society.

The Conference included all those professionally active in western Canadian archaeology (see photograph), and the delegates resolved to constitute themselves a Council for Western Canadian Archaeology, in order to promote effectively the scientific study of the West's prehistory. An important problem discussed at the Conference was the destruction of many of the most important pre-

historic sites, either by untrained amateur collectors or by the construction of roads, dams, and cities. British Columbia's delegates, Wilson Duff of the Provincial Museum, and Charles Borden of the University, outlined that province's new law for the protection of antiquities and sites, both historic and prehistoric. The Conference agreed that each province should pass a similar law to protect its heritage from the past, and recommended also that all building contracts should require the contractor to have areas threatened with destruction checked by a professional archaeologist, and any archaeological information and materials salvaged before work proceeds. The scarcity of competent archaeologists in the

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