

imperfect drainage being common, although this feature, first prominently occurring on the Wicomico, becomes even more marked in the case of the still younger Pamlico terrace.

PAMLICO FORMATION.

The Pamlico formation is the latest and lowest of the Pleistocene terrace formations and can be traced as a broad lowland of slight elevation into southern Virginia, gradually narrowing northward until it becomes reduced in Maryland to a limited area in the southeastern portion of that State, where it was recognized, but described as a member of the Talbot formation. As already stated, the Chowan and Pamlico formations have been combined in Maryland and Virginia under the name of the Talbot formation.

The surface of the Pamlico formation everywhere gives evidence of recent origin and has been but little modified by the forces of erosion. The fossil shells as well as leaves show but few differences from living species, and the formation evidently represents a very late phase of Pleistocene deposition.

TABLE SHOWING CORRELATION OF PLEISTOCENE FORMATIONS.

DELAWARE AND MARYLAND.	VIRGINIA.	NORTH CAROLINA.
Talbot.....	Talbot.....	Pamlico. Chowan.
Wicomico.....	Wicomico.....	Wicomico.
Sunderland.....	Sunderland.....	Sunderland.
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RECENT FORMATIONS.

The Recent formations consist of beaches, sandbars, sand spits, sand dunes, etc. The Recent deposits are found chiefly bordering the coast, the estuaries, and the streams. Beaches of varying character line the coast of the sea and estuaries, and sandbars and spits are found where the currents of the present day have built up such deposits. The sand dunes are found scattered at various points along the coast. Similar dunes are found farther to the northward in Virginia and Maryland, although of far less extent than in North Carolina. Along the streams flood plains have been developed and along the hillsides the wash of the land has caused much change in its configuration.

Similar Recent formations, with certain differences based on the un-