

Good Digging in Macedonia

CURIOUS DISCOVERIES ARE BEING MADE BY ARCHAEOLOGISTS THERE

APPARENTLY THE COUNTRY WAS CIVILISED AS FAR BACK AS 3,000 B.C.

During the last two years the armies in Macedonia have had long months of digging in and waiting. In the process some curious discoveries have been made by officers of an archaeological turn of mind.

In the plains near the Aegean the most remarkable archaeological remains are the conical and oval tumuli erected over a stone or marble tomb, which sometimes contained valuable pottery or other articles of human manufacture. Nearer the hills the trenching tools of the soldiers often cut into what are known as primitive village mounds. Hearths and stone floors are met with and empty sockets that one held beams of wood.

The first houses, it appears, were built of rushes and unbaked clay, in groups on small, steep mounds forty to fifty feet high—probably to avoid the spring floods or possibly for greater security against attack.

Civilized 3000 B.C.

Pottery fragments of the Mycenaean age or style have been found in some of these, so that their date is fixed as somewhere about 1400 B.C. The pottery is always handmade, often delicate, and bears no trace of the wheel.

Grooves, zig-zags and spirals are the most common ornamental patterns, sometimes stained with brown, purple or red pigments, as on certain broad, open bowls with handles shaped like a wishbone, that have been found there.

Archaeologists go as far as to assert that Macedonia must have had a civilization as early as 3000 B.C., and that gradually its culture was influenced by that of other regions, especially to the north, the trade route of those ages running through the Vardar Valley to the Danube. Strange to say, beyond some connection

with Thessaly, early Macedonia does not seem to have had intercourse with Greece and the pottery found seems to deteriorate the nearer we get to historic times.

Axe heads, a bracelet of black stone and other polished objects of the Neolithic period have also been turned up in or about the trenches. A store of grain, consisting of wheat, millet, and sesame, discolored but excellently preserved, was discovered in one of the earliest village mounds. The troops experimented in sowing part of the seed, but their labor was in vain. When we remember that in Roman times Macedonia was a rich grain country, it is easy to believe that it also may have been so in ages which to us are prehistoric.

TREASURE FROM TOMBS

As was to be expected the tombs of a later date have given the richest treasures—ornaments of gold and bronze, hair ornaments, knives, lances, lamps, vases of pottery, with ornamentation akin to that of Central Europe rather than to the Greek forms; all pointing to the fact that Macedonia linked more with Danube than the Aegean.

General Guillaumat—who was Franquet d'Esperay's predecessor in command at Salonika—issued an order to all British and French troops that all antiquities found in the trenches and elsewhere should be reported to headquarters, and a provisional museum has been opened. Systematic excavations are being made by both the French and the British in certain places and it is fortunate that both armies have in their ranks a number of trained archaeologists.

After the war Macedonia will doubtless be a field of valuable treasure trove for those whose time and resources enable them to investigate its antiquities.

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The first sixty out of the 1,000 pages in the book give a list of the officials of the

various Government departments, both at Victoria and throughout the Province, with an historical review and short articles by the various provincial ministers outlining the jurisdiction of their departments, and indicating the great resources of the province.

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