

SUMMARY

FINDS OF THE YOUNGER IRON AGE AT OSIJEK

(Continuation)

The finds from the La Tène necropolis, which was situated where now the brickyard at Osijek, lower town, extravillan No. 48 is, are published in »Osječki zbornik« No. IV.

During the last two years the brickyard workers have been working mostly on virgin soil and that is the reason why only a few graves could be found, examined and here described.

All the finds from this necropolis, no matter when they were made, could be divided into two groups. The first group includes grave finds which are discussed as grave inventories. Objects which were by careless brickyard workers thrown out on to the surface, after having destroyed the graves, are called simply »excavations«.

As we have stated before, the material from this necropolis allows the conclusion that traditions, characteristic for Iron Age I were still retained while specific forms for Iron Age II were in full development. It was possible to realise that clear forms belonging to the La Tène Age simultaneously existed with forms reminiscent of the culture of Illyrians who inhabited this country before the arrival of Celts.

The Museum of Slavonia took over the task, mostly successfully, to inspect the brickyard whenever work is going on. The significance of this necropolis will make it necessary to undertake special interference. Firstly the Museum is going to make probes in the soil in order to determine the extent of the necropolis and secondly to carry out systematic excavations, for judging by what has been found this necropolis could give important and far reaching results.