

WHERE ABORIGINES WORSHIPPED

MULLUMBIMBY, Wednesday.

The discovery has been made, within three miles of Brunswick Heads, of a religious mound, which, it is believed, was a centre of worship for aborigines from all parts of Australia prior to habitation by the white race.

The mound is 35 feet long and 15 feet high and is approached by means of a sloping pathway down the side.

The fact that many of the sacred stones on the mound have become covered with leaves and moss leads to the belief that prior to its discovery, the mound lay untouched for a great many years.

FOUR IN WORLD

Much information concerning the meaning of many of the ancient symbols has been gained by Mr. F. Fordham, of Brunswick Heads, who has keenly interested himself in the matter and has been in communication with authorities in an endeavour to decipher some of the markings on the stones.

Mr. Fordham told a "Northern Star" representative that he had been informed that there were only three other such mounds in existence in the world. The others were in Scotland, America and the Australian Northern Territory. The latter one was also a recent discovery.

The fact that the sacred stones on the Brunswick Heads mound are

sandstone would indicate that they were brought some distance by the worshippers.

Mr. Fordham has been in communication with the president of the Archaeological Society of Australia (Mr. Frederic Slater), whose intention it is to visit Brunswick Heads to inspect the mound.

TRAVELLED LONG DISTANCES

A Fraser Island black, when told of the discovery of the mound at Brunswick Heads, stated that his tribe had been looking for it for years.

Referring to this statement in a letter to Mr. Fordham, Mr. Slater said that it confirmed the idea that the aborigines had their "colleges" and travelled long distances to get the higher degrees.

"The Fraser Island black's silence afterwards is exactly the same as that shown by other aborigines since their first contact with white men. This has led to a great deal of misunderstanding," he said.
