

# The Heather

185th Overseas Battalion C. E. F.

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## Mobilization Complete

The mobilization of the 185th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F., in their quarters at Broughton, was completed on Monday last with the arrival of "C" Company, comprising the men from North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Florence and the surrounding districts.

The marching in of the North side company was to have been carried out 1st Friday; but owing to the destruction of the Broughton Arms Hotel, and the congestion resulting from the destruction of the officers quarters and mess rooms, the movement was cancelled until accommodation could be provided for their strength.

The company arrived in camp on Monday about half-past two in the afternoon in command of Capt. Nicholson. Lt. C. W. Sutherland was in charge of the North Sydney men and Lt. T. D. A. Purves in charge of the remainder of the men. The strength of the company marching was over three hundred.

Although the Battalion Band was absent in Glace Bay when the special train carrying the men arrived in Camp, the company created a fine impression as they marched to their quarters in the cottages to the music of their bugle band. The bugle band has made splendid progress under the direction of Pte. Higgins, of the 85th Battalion. The boys already in camp showed keen interest in it and, with the remainder of the buglers of the battalion, the 185th will have one of the finest bugle bands in the Canadian forces.

The afternoon was spent by the men of "C" company in getting settled in quarters and they spent their spare time looking up their friends in the other companies. On Tuesday morning they settled down to military life in earnest. At present they are the most advanced company in the battalion and are determined to set the pace for the other sections of the battalion.

## The "Arms" Fire

On Thursday of last week, the 6th, the 185th Battalion suffered a severe blow in the destruction of the Broughton Arms Hotel, which was burned to the ground in half an hour.

So far as can be learned, unofficially, the fire was set through carelessness of plumbers, who were repairing the water pipes, in the building, and was discovered in the room in which they had been working about 3.15 in the afternoon.

The Broughton Arms Hotel was one of the finest structures of its kind in Canada and was built when the town was first

planned as an attraction for the bringing of the travelling public to enjoy the beauties of Broughton. It was built with every convenience and comfort and was considered one of the best fitted and furnished hotels in Canada.

The fire appears to have originated in a small room, just under the main entrance to the hotel, and caught either from an oil lamp, gasoline torch or match used by the plumbers in repairing the pipes. The ceiling was cut to enable the repairs to be made and in some way the woodwork or inflammable packing between the walls seems to have caught and the flames shot up between the partitions with startling rapidity. In less than ten minutes it had spread through the entire building and at four o'clock the building was in ruins.

In addition to the mess kitchens and dining rooms, which were destroyed, a number of the officers lost all their effects, and the loss to the battalion was most serious. A board of inquiry investigated the fire on Thursday night and Friday, consisting of Major G. S. Harrington, Capt. M. D. McKeown and Lt. C. W. Maddin. Their finding has not been given out.

Although the Broughton Arms Hotel cannot be replaced, the facilities, which were destroyed by the fire, are being restored as quickly as possible. The ruins were still blazing when Mr. Tupper Conrad, superintendent for Bates and McMahon, contractors, was at headquarters with a plan to relieve the situation and the men of the battalion have much to thank him for in the matter of providing quarters for messing. As soon as his plan was approved he rushed the work of reconstructing a number of buildings near the Quartermaster's stores and by Monday had new mess kitchens and dining rooms ready for the men of "A" and "B" companies.

The new mess occupies three small buildings and the facilities are such that five hundred men were fed on Tuesday at noon in forty-five minutes. Though considerable inconvenience was caused during the intervening time between the fire and Monday causing delay in serving the entire battalion. It was no small task to feed twelve hundred men in quarters provided for half the number and the men, for the most part, accepted the state of affairs cheerfully.

The hospital situation, which also promised to be a serious one has also been relieved. Capt. Munro, M. O., has established this in one of the official cottages and the accommodation for present needs is excellent. A permanent plan will be dealt with later.

A new water supply for the Crown Hotel is also being constructed and a reservoir tank,

with a capacity of three thousand gallons, is being built on the hill just above the hotel. This will be filled by the pump at the power house and will provide for the needs of the buildings in the vicinity of the hotel.

Other minor improvements are being gone ahead with and the inconveniences caused by the fire will soon all be overcome.

## Central, 185th

The Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Ltd., lost no time in re-establishing Broughton as an exchange in their system and the military town is now one of the Company's busiest stations.

The occupation of the town by the 185th battalion required that quick communication should be had with outside points and Broughton central now serves, both for the business of the battalion and for private messages by the men.

The installation of a switch board in the 185th headquarters required additional facilities and the Maritime Company constructed a trunk line from Sydney direct to Broughton, installed a switch board in the office building at two days notice and reconstructed the telephone system in the town. Work on the installation of the board and reconstruction of the Broughton system was commenced on Thursday of last week and on Friday afternoon Broughton exchange was open for business.

The exchange is a purely military one, though there are civil customers on the list of subscribers. It is operated by men of the battalion and is classed among the continuous service offices of the company.

The chief operator is Hugh A. Bruce, of Reserve, lately of the stores department of the Dominion Coal Co., Ltd., of that place and formerly "trouble clerk" of Maritime Company at Sydney. His assistant is "Pat" Beckham, of Sydney, and since their taking charge of the office things have run smoothly and with perfect satisfaction.

In addition to the telephones installed for the use of the battalion's business, a pay station has been installed in the Crown Hotel for the use of the men and it has been very freely patronized.

## The Pipes

The Cape Breton Highlanders have been extremely fortunate in the number of friends they have found, and it is due to these that the 185th battalion will have four pipe bands, one to each company, to stir their blood and set on fire the spirit which their fore-

fathers carried into New Scotland. The pipes will be the best that are made and soon the battalion will be marching to the strains of their martial music and playing the "Breed of Manly Men" on to perpetuate the warrior deeds of their ancestors.

The four sets of pipes and drums, which have been ordered, were contributed without solicitation and the gift is appreciated by the men of the battalion to the highest extent. The donors are the Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club, of Sydney, the merchants of Glace Bay, the Ladies of the Green Feather, North Sydney, and Mr. Thomas Cantley, of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., Es-

The first set of pipes to arrive, those donated by the Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club, Sydney, and by the merchants of Glace Bay, have been on exhibition in the windows of Travis Bros., in each place. The pipes are magnificent ones, the best that money could buy and the drums are considered by experts to be the finest ever seen in the province. As soon as things are properly settled, the pipe band will commence work under a competent instructor and the skirt of the pipes will augment the music of the Battalion band in providing military music and entertainment for the men.

## Highland Theatre

Highland Theatre, Broughton's Movie House, was formally opened on Monday night, last, with a full house, which witnessed a fine show under the direction of S. O. Watt, Military Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

The moving picture theatre has been established in the Broughton school house, which has accommodation for three hundred. The price of admission is five cents, and for the first week there was a change of bill, the first two shows, one commencing at 6.50 o'clock and the second at 8.20. Commencing next week there will probably be a change of bill Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The program is being managed by Pte. Walter McGuire, formerly of the Sydney Amusement Company, which loaned films for the first show. The program was an excellent one and included the famous recruiting feature "England Expects," in three reels, and two one reel features, "The Lighter Side of the Army," and "With Kitchener at the Front." A splendid series for the entertainment of the men has been arranged and the theatre promises to be well patronized.

Stanley Mills of "B" Company is another man who has seven brothers at the front. His father is a man 86 years old.

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REGIMENTAL NEWS.

Well, here we are again, on our second spasm since we arrived at that wonderful city of Broughton. It's a great place alright, compared with what it might be.

"A" Company, which comprises the men of the Battalion hailing from Richmond, Inverness and Victoria Counties, also some from various isolated points, including twenty five from Moncton and some forty from Louisburg and Gabarus, occupies the majority of the single cottages. About twenty men are accommodated in each of these. The band is also attached to "A" Company, which is commanded by Capt. J. McIsaac.

Then we come to the miner boys from Glace Bay, Waterford and other coal towns of the Southern district of Cape Breton County. They make up "B" Company, and are quartered in half of the double cottages. These double cottages hold something like fifty men each. The other half of the double cottages, with a few of the single cottages are being utilized by "C" company which is drawn from the Northern towns of North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Florence, etc.

"D" Company, the Sydney Company, occupies the Crown Hotel, where 13, 14 and 15 platoons are quartered. 16 platoon, also of this company occupies three of the single cottages.

An agency of the Globe Laundry has been established in the camp and once a week the laundry of the men is collected and delivered.

One of the New Waterford recruits, has seven brothers at the front or training for the firing line. He is James Fortune, formerly of Little Bras d'Or. His mother is dead. His brothers who have enlisted are John E. with the 115th, Jerome with the 94th, Sylvester with the 185th in "B" Company, Daniel with the 40th, James with the 106th, and Marcus also with the 185th in "B" Company.

As a result of the Broughton Arms fire the messing of the Battalion was thrown out for a few days. It was there that "A" and "B" Companies were fed. "C" and "D" Companies have their dining rooms in the Crown Hotel. Two buildings near the quartermaster's stores have been fitted up as cook houses and mess rooms for "A" and "B" companies, and two big marquees have also been erected for this purpose, so that the messing of the battalion is again running smoothly.

The first church parade was held on Sunday last when the Protestants paraded at 10 a. m. for service in front of the Crown Hotel. A very excellent sermon was delivered by the Protestant Chaplain, Capt. A. J. McDonald. In the afternoon service was held in the Anglican chapel opposite the Hotel by Rev. Mr. Walker

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## THE SPIRIT OF THE 185TH.

In spite of the fact that "Broughton Arms," containing the officers quarters and the mess rooms of "A" and "B" Co's. was destroyed by fire conditions at the home of the 185th are on the whole quite good. In another column will be found an account of the fire and of the arrangements that have been made to meet the situation. With a spirit of cheerfulness that is really wonderful the men bear the discomforts and inconveniences that are inseparable from camp life in its early stages. The officers are unanimous in their praise of this splendid display of spirit. It augurs well for the success of Cape Breton's Own Battalion.

## THE CALIBRE OF CAPE BRETON'S OWN.

"If I had the whole world at my feet and had to pick recruits for an army, I would go down to Cape Breton." So spoke an eminent American professor after a visit to Cape Breton a few years ago. If he could see the 185th today, he would find ample justification of his judgment. No finer types of physical manhood could be found anywhere in the opinion of Captain Munro, the medical officer of the Battalion. Although Cape Breton had already sent many of her best sons to the front, yet when the call came for a purely Cape Breton regiment, the sons of the blood rallied to the colors in a manner that did the Island proud. They came, the sturdy farmer boys from the fields of Inverness, Richmond and Victoria. Brawny miners from the colliery districts, hardy fishermen from the coast lands, office men clerks who longed for the bracing, enervating life in the open—they are all represented. After a few weeks training when the weeding process is finally completed, they will be the finest body of men in Canada. So sayeth our medical officer and we all feel that time will show the correctness of his judgment. Keep your eye on the boys of the 185th. They are the true "Breed of Manly Men."

## THE RIFLEMAN.

We have received the first copy of this excellent little paper, published by the officers and men of the 106th O. S. Battalion at Truro, N.S. "The Rifleman" is well printed on good paper, and the editors are to be congratulated on its newsy character and neat appearance.

## REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

In a short time if the season is anything like normal, the ground should permit of the introduction of sports at Broughton. There are a large number of prominent athletes in the 185th—footballists, baseball players, tennis players, sprinters and jumpers. Some high class athletic stunts may be expected when the boys get busy on track and field.

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

The staff of "The Heather" invite contributions from any and every man in the Battalion. In each platoon men have been appointed to report items of interest. Men from the same section of the country are grouped together, so that when you read of the doings in No 2 platoon, you read of what is happening among the boys from Port Hood and adjacent sections; when you read the tales of No. 16 platoon you know how the Sydney boys are disporting themselves. "The Heather" will thus be interesting to the friends at home as well as to the boys in the Battalion. Let every man do what he can to make it a bright and newsy magazine.

## THE C. P. A. S. C.

Supplying food for twelve hundred men is not a small task, when it has to be brought in fresh daily; but since the arrival of the 185th at Broughton there has been no hitch in the proceedings and Lt. Barbour, C. P. A. S. C., of St. John, N. B., who has charge of this branch, has seen to it that the quality of the food is of the best. Lt. Barbour has under him a staff of butchers and grocery clerks, who enlisted in the 185th and these men serve out, each day, the rations for the battalion. The beef and bread are brought in fresh daily. Some idea of the work they do may be drawn from the fact that 1200 lbs. of beef and 1200 loaves of bread are served each day. The meat is of the best quality and the quarters must be of a weight which will guarantee young cattle. Only the prime portions are used. In addition to this there is jam, cheese, butter, potatoes and other vegetables, ham, bacon, tea, coffee, salt and pepper and innumerable other rations to handle. It is all done with the regularity of clock work.

## CHURCH PARADE.

The first parade for Divine service in the 185th Battalion was held on Sunday April 9th at 10 a. m.

Promptly at that hour the Protestant section of the Battalion paraded in front of Crown Hotel where Divine Service was conducted by the Rev. Capt. A. J. MacDonald. The Band was in attendance. Though a snow storm broke in upon the camp just before the service began it was remarked by all that the order and attention was most excellent.

The singing was hearty. The Chaplain based his remarks upon Paul's words to Timothy "I have fought a good fight." The

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At the close of the service Capt. R. C. Jackson adjutant of the Battalion in lieu of the O. C. who was absent in Halifax gave a fitting and stirring address to the men.

### Anglican Service.

On Sunday afternoon Rev. Mr. Wallke, Rec'dr of Port Morien, drove to Broughton in a heavy snow storm to minister to the Anglicans of the battalion, and held evensong in All Saint Chapel at three o'clock.

All Saints Chapel is a unique little church and is finished in rustic style with birch in the natural, the bark giving the interior a very pretty appearance. The Altar and Chancel furniture, the Altar rail, lectern and pews all being constructed of birch sticks.

### Mass Celebrated.

Rev. Fr. Brady of Port Morien visited Broughton on Tuesday and celebrated Mass in the School house. Some five hundred men attended service. Fr. Brady preached an admirable sermon to the men. Though at present heavily burdened by the work of three churches, Fr. Brady will continue to look after the spiritual interests of the Catholics until the requireSSSS SSSSSSS til the regular chaplain is appointed.

### PTE. CURRY PASSES AWAY.

The first man of the 185th Battalion to solve the riddle of the universe was Pte. Douglas Curry of Company B. On Sunday last in St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay, the soul of Private Curry passed from the world into the Land beyond.

Pte. Curry before enlisting was employed on the Office Staff of the Dominion Coal Co. He was only nineteen years old and was one of the most popular young men in Glace Bay.

He did not die on the battle-

field; but he offered his life to his King and country. He died in the service, and the many friends of Pte. Curry are comforted by the thought that Douglas is now enjoying the reward of those who have done their duty to God and to man.

### BAYONET FIGHTING.

The 185th will, in a short time, have a corps of qualified instructors in Bayonet fighting and Physical training.

Ten bright young men left for Halifax on Monday last, for the purpose of qualifying as instructors, in these particular branches of military training. They are the following:

Actg. Corp. Neil R. M.

"A" Coy.

Actg. Corp. E. A. McPhee, "A" Coy.

Actg. Corp. Walter Chord, "B" Coy.

Actg. Corp. James Doucet, "B" Coy.

Actg. Corp. R. C. Brown, "B" Coy.

Actg. Corp. James Spiers, "C" Coy.

Actg. Corp. Leo McDonald, "D" Coy.

Actg. Corp. R. H. McKenzie, "D" Coy.

Actg. Corp. Fred Taylor, "D" Coy.

Actg. Corp. J. W. C. McDonald, "D" Coy.

### "B" BOYS FIRST MARCH.

They laughed when we passed the "corner" on our first march. They were not women or children who were full of fun. In fact if one said anything contrary, there would likely have been a fight on the spot.

It must certainly have been amusing to these men to see us poor "Rookies" passing by. I suppose that most of us were out of step, I guess that very few of us swung our arms very stylishly. Very few of us were as good looking as the boys who had the fun. But this now motley band of "recruits" is willing to do its "bit" to keep Canada free from militarism. If the war lasts one week or six years longer, it makes little difference. This little band of men who were so badly out of step are game to take their chance.

We are here to give those who stood on the corner a chance to keep on laughing. We may let the course of events be "memories" in the hearts of those who knew us well. Those, who may be merry at our expense, doubt still be laughing at the British rule which we

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## The Highland Regiments

Swinging they come from the land of the heather;  
Warrior blood in their veins runs strong;  
Shoulder to shoulder, marching together,  
Bearers of names long renowned in song.  
See! the Clans gather! dauntless, unfearing,  
See how they gather from mountain and moor,  
Leaving the ties most tender, endearing,  
See how they gather, the rich and the poor.

II

Clerks who longed in he scents  
Bracing, enervating battle,  
Heads are uplifted and shoulders swing free;  
First in the din and the roar of the battle,  
Sons of the Hill-land engirt by the sea.  
See! they are coming! tartans are swinging;  
Sound of the war-pipe is shrill on the air;  
THW Warrior-songs in their brave  
W hearts are ringing;  
of they are the lads who will do lished and will dare.

True well

III

the Vely the sheiling; o'er the red lat embers.

Of the peat-fire crouch those who are left;

Old man and woman; lo, each re-members

Lads who had left them all lonely, bereft.

Yet, they have given them wife and the mother,

Father and grandsire, the youth and the maid;

Could they have borne that the Islesman, son, brother,

Sons of brave Clans from their duty had strayed?

IV

Leaving the lochs, and hills, and the mountains,

Leaving the old men the harvests to reap;

Where antlered deer slake their thirst at the fountains,

For the Red Harvest to face the White Sleep,

Brave is the Celt, and his country in danger,

Freedom and Liberty call to him still;

Send round the Fiery Cross! To fear a stranger,

Celts come from the islet, the moor, and the hill.

M. T. MacGregor.

Since the last issue of the Heather, the mobilization of the Battalion has been completed, and the several companies have now been allotted to their respective quarters. The men have been in them for some days now and the houses and rooms at the Crown Hotel are beginning to take on a more homely appearance, as the days pass by.

### A Pert Inquiry

A German officer quartered in Brussels was explaining to an old lady that Germany was many times larger than Belgium.

"How is it, then," she inquired, "that you can travel through Germany in a week or so, whereas you have taken over a year to get through Belgium—and you are not through yet?"

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of Port Morein. In the evening a service was held in the presbyterian church by Capt. A. J. McDonald.

Owing to the fire in the Broughton Arms, where the officers quarters were, they have been forced to turn their offices into sleeping rooms at night. A room off the officers' mess has also been fitted up as a bed room for a number of the officers.

Lieut. A. M. Fraser of "D" Company has returned from a short leave spent at his home in Sydney. He was one of the Officers who lost heavily through the fire.

Pte. George McDonald returned to duty Tuesday bringing with him a number of men he had recruited up through the country districts.

The Catholics of the Battalion were paraded for church on Tuesday morning at the big school house. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Fr. Brady.

In spite of the many things attendant to the arrival of the 185th in camp, the training of the battalion is going on rapidly. Some of the platoons have been drilling where they were recruited for some weeks and their work is very creditable.

The office staff of the Inverness Railway and Coal Company have presented Pte. Mariner Laurence of Major Johnstone's office staff with a gold signet ring engraved on one side with "185" and on the other with his initials. Before the Sydney Company left for Broughton last week the clerks of the Post Office staff in Sydney presented one of their number, Dan A. McDonald, who has joined the 185th with a gold wrist watch, as a token of appreciation for his action.

The motion picture theatre which is being run in the school house at Broughton by the Territorial Y. M. C. A. had its opening night Monday evening last. As it had been pay day the house was crowded, and the program was certainly a good one. The management of the theatre is in the hands of Pte. Walter J. McGuire.

The new canteen next the Crown Hotel, is practically completed. This will be a great convenience to the men of "D" Company, as the other canteen is about three quarters of a mile from their quarters.

Capt. M. D. McKeigan formerly with the 94th at Louisburg, and who has been in hospital for some weeks undergoing an operation on his foot, has reported for duty. He will have command of "B" Company.

The first payday of the Battalion was held on Monday last when the men received an advance pay to last them over until the regular pay at the end of the month. Business at the canteen is rushing and Corp. Morine

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and his staff have been kept busy.

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Lieut. Angus McLean who has been on recruiting duty at the Bay for some weeks and later helping with the attestation work of the Battalion, left to rejoin the 85th on Tuesday evening.

Lieut. A. J. McInnis acting O. C. of "B" Company is on sick leave, and his company is in charge of Major G. S. Harrington in his absence.

Ptes. Rees Mason, Austin Murray and Alex McLeod were in Sydney on Tuesday on leave.

A large money order and registration business was done at the Broughton post office on Monday following the first pay. Over fifty men lined up in one batch at the post office to register letters containing money which they were sending home.

A number of men from the

various companies left for Halifax Monday to take a course in bayonet fighting. Among them were Leo McDonald and Fred Taylor of Sydney.

Capt. A. McKinnon spent Sunday last at his home in Sydney. Capt. McKinnon lost very heavily

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#### Glace Bay Company Notes.

The Glace Bay boys are now getting settled down to camp life, and although as yet they are not getting the opportunities to drill that the other companies have and are still short of equipment, still they compare favorable with any company in the Battalion, when they get things straightened out—watch Glace Bay.

Corp. "Buddy" McDougall continues to be the idol of B. Co. It is to be hoped that he will be permanently attached to the 185th as men of his stamp are valuable.

The boys of Glace Bay who are in quarantine wish to thank Miss Nellie McCormick for a large number of magazines sent out to them. Although in "gao" they are not disheartened although anyone with cigarettes had better keep at a safe distance.

Farquharson Morrison is one of the most popular N. C. O's in the company. A bright future for this young man is already assured.

The boys of "B" Co. will miss Finlay McKenzie the popular young athlete. He was under age and had to be discharged.

O where, tell me where is Frank Russell's latest style hat, patent leathers and cut away collars. Swallowed in the cosmopolitanism (Broughton mud) of camp life. Frank is a jolly good fellow at that.

Jimmy Doucette, Walter Chard and R. C. Brown have gone to Halifax to take courses in physical drill and bayonet fighting.



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Are they down hearted? No! In rain or slush, hungry or full, they are the same merry Scotch laddies, true to their country, true to their comrades and a credit to their town and the 185th Highlanders.

There's another room in "A" Co. worthy of mention, the one in which the flower of Lower River Inhabitants manhood congregates to while away the evening. Patrick Clark is President and Master of Ceremonies of this squad and on his staff are such finished vaudeville artists as Daniel Hayes, Addie Proctor, Chas. Cogswell, Robert McNamara and William White, also, George Proctor who is on the sick list. If you are suffering from melancholy just visit the Lower River Inhabitants ward.

On Sunday the Grand River squad had a prayer meeting of their own. Daniel McKay read the Gospel. Jas. E. Nickerson lead the choir, ably assisted by Malcolm J. and Duncan J. Finlayson. When the day comes for the last roll-call they will be as well prepared to meet it, as they are to answer the roll-call every night.

The little village of Kenlock no less than four men to the 185th. They are Murdock Kennedy, teacher, Stewart Gunn, Malcolm McQuarrie and John M. MacKinnon. All of these men gave up good positions to do their share for King and country.

The Richmond county lads from Grand River, St. Peters, West Bay and River inhabitants were given a grand reception at St. Peters on the eve of their departure for Broughton. The evening before they left a concert, presentations and refreshments were given them. And on the morning of their departure the largest parade ever seen in St. Peter's headed by Piper McDonald escorted them to the train. Richmond County is certainly doing well.

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