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The local newspaper, *The Eastern Argus*, wrote in 1910 that "Indians made many sacrifices to come here."

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