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I came to Canada with my
Dad and the whole family.

The news media took all kinds of pictures because we were such a large family [14 in all]. We were amazed at the snow and all the lights. "This is our new country", but even having learned English we could not understand "Canadian". Finally getting on the train we headed to Uxbridge, our sponsor farmer. After three months my dad said, there will be no more Dutch spoken in this house. He loved Canada and so do we all. I am proud to be a Canadian. I

am now a retired GM worker (toolsetter) of 38.6 years, with four children. Tim is a pharmacist. Sandra is a pharmacist married to a minister. Joyce is a blood lab technician married to a lab technician and Brian is an X ray technician going into computers. All in all we find this the best country in the world.

