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July 1, 1954



I, as part of a larger family,  
entered Canada on July 1, 1954.

Two weeks ago I was in Halifax on Holidays and spent a morning at Pier 21 reliving what little memory I had of the trip since I was eleven years of age at the time. I would have to say the society did a great job of trying to capture the feelings of the immigrants that passed through the facilities. After the ship we continued our journey west by steamtrain and had blackened faces from poking our head out the windows to see what laid ahead.

I also stopped at the VIA rail station and the "hollow" echo with the dark benched on tile floor brought back memories. In 1954 the train made several stops at larger cities where we would stock up on bread and milk.