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The crossing was quite pleasant with only one day of "rough" weather. We arrived in Halifax at approx 9:00 am. and were processed. For some reason I do not remember very much about that part. I remember we had the day to 'kill' in Halifax as my train to Toronto did not leave until 9:00 pm that evening. On arrival in Toronto I was met by an uncle who drove me to his house where I stayed. I worked for him for 4 years driving a truck in Toronto, this gave me an excellent knowledge of To. which still serves me well. I had various jobs until in 1960 I started work for the Province of Ontario, where I stayed until retirement 25 years later. (May 1985) I have traveled considerably since those early days, but I have never returned to Halifax. I hope to remedy this in the near future.

I did not return to England for a visit until 1971, since then I have returned approximately every 2 years. I did at one time think of retiring in England, but after making a comparison with Canada I realized I was too much of a Canadian to ever be comfortable in England again, except for a visit now and then.

I served in the Royal Air Force during WW II and Joined the Royal Canadian Legion, which organization I am a Life Member. I had no problems adjusting to life in Canada, I worked from 1948, until I retired in 1985. Canada has been good to me, and I appreciate it. I will not hear any complaints about Canada, and my reply to any complainer is "Flights leave the airport every day, if you don't like it here take one."