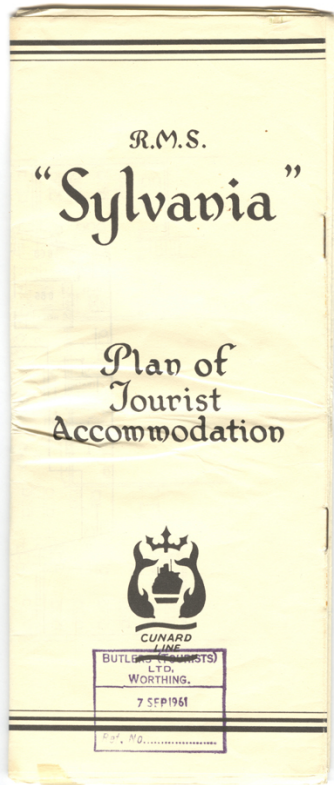


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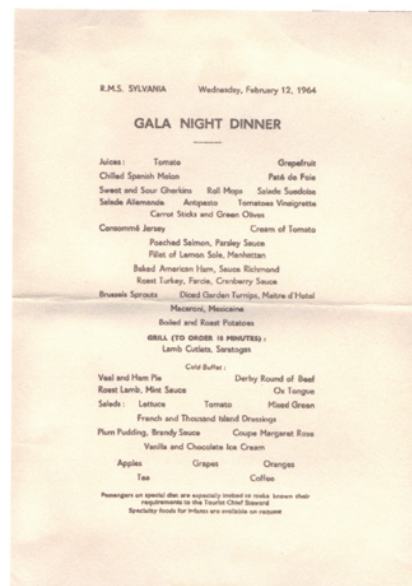
Immigration to Canada - February 1964

In February 1964, when I was 24 years old and a qualified registered nurse and midwife, I arrived by crowded train in Liverpool accompanied by my parents who had come to see me off on the great adventure of emigrating to Canada. A friend working in a travel agent had booked my cabin on RMS Sylvania of the Cunard line, and had arranged for flowers to greet me. I was allocated a cabin on a lower deck, although it had 4 berths, I was the sole occupant. As we set sail I felt quite alone, however I soon recognized some other passengers - 2 girls who had been in nurse training with me. And I soon learnt that there were about 70-immigrant nurse on board the ship.

It was exciting to find my way about the ship,

meet the cabin steward and passengers, and find my place in the dining room. We very much enjoyed the life on board with its wonderful food and entertainment. However in mid Atlantic the weather became very rough and many passengers and crew were seasick. I remember being confined to my cabin for 24 hours and even the cabin steward hardly able to respond to calls. I wrote of this in a letter home on Sylvania notepaper, still in my possession.

On arrival in Halifax the impression was of intense cold, snow and ice. I have no strong recollection of immigration procedures; possibly this was because it was



straightforward, having a job arranged at the Doctors' Hospital in Toronto, and papers in order. However, my diary records that it was a 'long drag'. We were shepherded onto a train bound for Montreal. I booked a sleeping berth but my ship friends were far at the other end of the very long train.

The train journey was long and tiring but the views of the snowbound countryside and frozen St Lawrence were spectacular. I seem to recall the sight of Quebec across the river. The French Canadian porters and train crew could not understand my attempts to communicate in French!



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In Montreal, I had arranged to be met by an old school friend and her husband. There were several hours before the next train departed for Toronto and they gave me a quick tour of the city sights.

The final stage of the journey was the train to Toronto arriving late evening where I was met at the station by my family with whom was to stay until could arrange accommodation of my own. These were family friends who had already emigrated from England, and so I was well catered for. I had several days to acclimatize before an interview at the hospital and starting work, during which I was introduced to the streetcars and Eaton's store to purchase uniform and white shoes.

I stayed in Canada for 15 months having paid for my assisted passage fare within a short time. During my stay I enjoyed a variety of work experience at the Doctors' hospital and that Grace Salvation Army Hospital (maternity), and also was able to travel extensively in Canada and the states during holidays and leave. I have lasting happy memories of people and places in Canada, which have recently been stirred by my visit to Pier 21 when our cruise ship, Saga Ruby, berthed there in September 2005.

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## RUSSIA ACCUSES GENEVA GOVERNMENT

### NOT HELPFUL IN FINDING SOVIET DELEGATE WHO DEFECTED TO U.S.

GENEVA.—Switzerland has protested, in the strongest terms, against Russian allegations that she had not wanted to help find Yuri Nossenko, the disarmament delegate who defected to America last week, reports the "Daily Telegraph."

President of Geneva's canton government Helg said that the accusations were "unfounded, unjust and unfriendly."

The allegations were made by head of the Russian disarmament delegation Tsarapkin, who declared that the Swiss police had shown a clear lack of desire to help find Nossenko.

Western delegates said that Russia apparently did not intend to spoil the atmosphere of the disarmament conference and apart from one oblique reference, laid no blame on America.

Russia hoped that the Swiss would undertake all necessary measures and would use their sovereign rights to return Nossenko to his place of work and his family and children.

The Swiss authorities never organised special security protection for delegates unless asked to do so.

LAGOS.—The Irish Ambassador here has described Nigeria's development and progress to Republican status since attaining independence as remarkable.

He said, "Within the short time Nigeria

### BEATLES A BIG SUCCESS IN U.S.

WASHINGTON.—Some 8,000 American teenagers screamed, stamped, whistled and shouted their idols, the British pop singing group the "Beatles", through their first live appearance at the Coliseum here. Thirty policemen circled the stage area to protect the group from over-enthusiastic fans.

People literally danced on their seats, screamed and waved Union Jacks and chanted every word of the songs.

DJAKARTA.—The Anglo-Dutch Unilever Company is now under the control of the Indonesian People's Industry Min-

### From All Quarters

KEY WEST, Fla.—The U.S. Coast Guard boarded and seized early on Tuesday a fast, fully fuelled 50-ft. boat with 16 Cuban exiles aboard armed with rifles and a cannon apparently bound for a raid against Cuba.

SOUTH VIET-NAM.—U.S. authorities have ordered tighter security measures to protect the American men, women and children in Saigon against increased Communist terrorist attacks, informed sources reported.

LONDON.—Ghana, following British Government representations, has agreed to lift tax discrimination on pensions paid by Ghana to former colonial officials living in Britain.

LONDON.—A million stamps with a retail value of over £100,000 were stolen by a gang of safe breakers who raided the offices of Bridger and Kay in the Strand.

WASHINGTON.—The House of Representatives has passed a strong Civil Rights Bill cutting across segregation barriers to give Negroes better public accommodations and job opportunities.

LONDON.—Britain will give £260,000 to help the Government of Saint Kitts in the West Indies to meet a budget deficit of £280,000 which it is expected to incur this year.

VIRINA. Orange Free State, S.A.—A

### Kennedy Assassinated as Enemy of Communism

NEW YORK.—A publication of the ultra-right-wing John Birch Society, "American Opinion", has suggested that President Kennedy was assassinated because he was becoming a political liability to American Communism.

It said that Lee Oswald, the President's alleged assassin, was trained in a school for international criminals in Russia.

NOTASULGA, Ala.—A boycott of the last two white high schools in Macon County ordered to integrate by a Federal Judge, became 100 per cent effective on Tuesday. No white students appeared at Macon County High School here or at neighbouring Shorter High School which was temporarily closed last Monday because of a bomb threat.

MOSCOW.—Premier Khrushchev on Tuesday sent appeals to Somalia and Ethiopia "to take strong measures" to end their bloody border conflict.

### SPORTS NEWS

#### Horse Racing

FONTWELL PARK.—Robert Gore Memorial Challenge Cup (3 miles), result: Generous Star 7-4; Gay Record 5-4 fav.; Basalt Knight 33-1. Eight ran. Non-runner: Black Knight.

#### Cricket

NEW DELHI.—Fourth Test (Fourth