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CANADA'S IMMIGRATION MUSEUM  
**PIER 21**



The reason for my decision to immigrate to Canada is, after all these years, immaterial. Mostly, it was to benefit my three sons who have all done well. My fourth son, born in Montreal in 1965, is now serving Canada in the forces.

The journey to Canada on the Sylvania was the best holiday I had had in years. 25 Pounds had been put aside for fun and games on board. The steward kept an eye on our cabin and boys - all we had to do was tell him where we would be for contact. My husband was lucky and won at bingo and every evening at the horse races. These were six wooden horses about 4 feet high, highly coloured, the dance floor was marked out in squares and a ship's officer threw dice, one for each horse and one for how many moves. If you had heard the cheering you'd have thought we were at Epsom for the Derby. We landed with three times the money put aside. I am attaching two race cards.

Pier 21 was a little overpowering and I, like my boys, was a little scared and had a thought of 'let's go home,' but we stayed, had some hard times and good times, became Canadian citizens in our chosen country and are home.