

Kenneth Richmond  
Coupar Appleby  
Scottish Immigrant  
Ivernia  
November 2, 1953



I decided to emigrate to Canada in 1953 as work in shipbuilding in Dundee, Scotland was very unstable at that time.



It was a very emotional parting as I was leaving behind a wife and two children, a boy, Raymond, who was to be three on November 3, 1953 and a daughter, Kathi, who would be two on November 9 of that year.

I had been corresponding with Management of Canadian Vickers Shipyard in Montreal prior to my departure and had secured a job as a ship's Plater (my trade in the Caledon shipyard, Dundee, Scotland, where I started as an apprentice in 1940.

Prior to a departure I had been fortunate to purchase a used cabin trunk, of the kind used by ship travelers in the glory days of ship travel. It had a rounded top to avoid being placed upside down and was equipped like a magnificent wardrobe with hanging rods for clothes and drawers for all other accessories.

We departed  
Southampton October  
24 at 12.50 p.m. for  
Le Havre, France, then  
out into the Bay of  
Biscay en route to  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

During the voyage I  
met a bunch of  
Canadian provo  
Marshals on their way  
home to Canada from  
Germany to various  
other postings, some  
to Comox, British  
Columbia.

Branches at—  
Dunfermline  
Kilmarnock  
WIMBOR  
OFFICIAL AGENTS FOR ROAD, RAIL, AIR AND SEA TRAVEL.  
**MAYS (SHIPPING & TRAVEL) LTD.**  
Managing Director—R. A. McGLABHAN  
64 High Street :: Kirkcaldy  
24th December, 1956.  
Phones—4189  
Extension  
Grams—Mays Travel  
Your Ref.....  
Our Ref..... H/1015.

Mr. Appleby,  
59, Elm Street,  
Dundee.

Dear Sir,

In view of the fact that we have not as yet received acceptance of your x-ray from Canada we have found it necessary to release the berth which was being held on your behalf by the "Britannic" sailing on 11th January.

However, should your x-ray be accepted at an early date we feel that we could obtain a berth for you by the above sailing.

We trust the above is in order and that you will appreciate the position.

Yours faithfully,  
MAYS (SHIPPING & TRAVEL) LTD.,  
R. A. McGLABHAN,  
Director.

Seas were very rough with monstrous waves, but I never missed a meal sitting during the voyage. My new-found friends taught me a card game I had never heard of before...cribbage...and managed to take a few of my Canadian dollars...but not very much.

4/84  
*Autographs*  
*Bob Sykes*  
*Hanning*  
*Yabokun*  
 \*  
 The Cunard Steam-Ship Co. Ltd.,  
 Capt. A. MacKellar, R.D., R.N.R.  
 The Ship's Officers and Crew  
 Join in Wishing You All  
 A Very Happy Christmas

*Mrs. Simone COWAN*  
*5 BVA. DE BELLEVILLE*  
*PARIS XI - FRANCE*  
*Ronald Gibbons*

*Melvin Law*  
*Vic Law*  
*11. ELW DRIVE - (NINE MANCHESTER)*  
*STRETFORD - LANC.*

R.M.S. 'Saxonia' Thursday, December 16

**Christmas Dinner**

Vegetable Juice      Grape Fruit Cocktail, Ma  
 Sardines      Salade Russe      Sweet Gherki  
 American Relishes      Eggs, Ravigote      Melon  
 Ripe and Queen Olives      Radish  
 Bouillon Ancienne      Cream  
 Fried Fillet of River Sole, Tartare Sauce  
 Poached Salmon and Cucumber, Hollandaise  
 Braised York Ham, Madère Sauce  
 Roast Turkey, Cranberry and Apple Sauce  
 Broccoli, Anglaise      Carrots  
 Boiled and Rissolées Potatoes  
 Cold Buffet:  
 Roast Sirloin of Beef      Rolled Ox  
 Canadian Club and Mixed Green Salads  
 French and Thousand Islands Dressings  
 English Plum Pudding      Coupe "Saxo"  
 Hot Mince Pies      Christmas Cake      Yule  
 Vanilla and Rum and Raisin Ice Creams, Melb  
 Dessert      Coffi

We were officially landed at Pier 21 on November 2, 1953, the day after my 30th birthday. After the lengthy train journey from Halifax to Montreal I was met by the son of a former friend of my mother-in-law, who had come to Canada many years before and married a Canadian. He got me settled in the YMCA on Drummond Street, Montreal, until I could find other permanent lodgings.

Next morning I traveled by streetcar, then bus, to Canadian Vickers Shipyard where I worked for 13 months before returning to Scotland.

My wife and I were later, in 1957, to return to Canada, permanently, this time as a family. Our first home was in Timmins, Northern Ontario, where I started as a gold miner.

I returned to Canada in 1957, sailing on the RMS Ivernia from Tilbury Dock in London, on February 1, 1957 to Halifax, Canada.

We landed in Halifax on February 8, 1957, then by train to Montreal, then the Ontario Northland railway to Timmins, arriving February 12, 1957 to begin work at the Hollinger Gold Mine.

Unfortunately I could find no passenger list of my voyage or the RM Ivernia for your record.

My wife and children sailed from Liverpool on the Empress of England's Maiden Voyage. They were officially landed at Quebec City, but disembarked at Montreal, where I met them to join them for the long train trip to Timmins.



I have enclosed a photo of me taken in 1953 and also one of me and my granddaughter and great granddaughter during a visit to Timmins at our daughter's home in 2005, to celebrate our 58th wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve.

