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Harry Con

Born in Vancouver in 1922.

“...my father came here when he was about fifteen years old, with his brother—in the early 1900s they came over. It’s different now [from] when we come in. We come by plane, we come with expensive camera or expensive tape recorder, you know, and then when we arrive, we have a nice car, our friends, our family waiting for us. In the old days, he just came alone. All he had was a bag and he walked off the ship. But he was fortunate: he had two brothers here already to look after him. He and his brother worked for the CPR for a buck a day and had to walk miles every morning to go to work. They had to work about ten to twelve hours a day.

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