

~~~ Carl Geier, MIA ~~~



### Interesting Thing Happened on the Way to North Dakota

The third leg of Carl and Henrietta's journey from Russia to North Dakota was the trip across southern Canada on the Canadian Pacific Railway. They traveled across four provinces: Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. Somewhere along the way - Carl could not say where - he and another man got off the train to have a look around. Where is irrelevant because, as it turned out, the two did not get back to the station in time and the train left without them. If memory serves, I seem to recall Carl's fascination with certain food items he saw in a grocery store. Who can say what really caused them to dawdle too long.

You can imagine, of course, the horror experienced by Henrietta when the train pulled out of the station leaving her alone with two young boys and another child on the way. It is a shame that I never heard her side of this story. And sadly her distress was only to become greater when she brought this to the attention of either the conductor or the station master at the next stop. Remember that Henrietta most likely knew not a word of English, so we can assume someone had to be found who could translate. You see, Grandma was told she might never see Carl again. That is correct, one possible explanation was that Carl purposefully abandoned his family.

So what happened next? As it turned out, Henrietta did the only thing she could do knowing in her heart what kind of man Carl was. She remained at that next stop on the way and waited for him, and in due time he showed up. You can imagine the joy of their reunion and perhaps the just berating handed out to Carl. All is well that ends well.