

Many Mennonites on leaving Russia, begged to stop off in Toronto, rather than going straight to the west. They wanted to visit relatives and friends in the Niagara Peninsula, but when they saw how lovely it was here, and how easy it was to find work, they did not want to go west. It is difficult to force them to go.

Individual's Background

Born: 1902, Danzig

He was conscripted to work at the Department of Taxation and Production. In 1924 he became supervisor of his village. His father was a minister and had Abe Wall not left when he did, he would have been the first to go to a slave camp. Mr. Wall would have had to go into the Russian army but he had a heart condition so he was free. The C.P.R. had prepaid his transportation fee. In 1938 he came to Ontario, to the Niagara Peninsula. He felt comfortable after the first couple of weeks.