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First impressions form an awakening experience

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Gigantic, overwhelming nature, great resources, English and French speaking people, huge waterfalls, bears and mounties - stir it well, and you have an idea how much a European knows about Canada.

That's not very much, is it? There are exceptions of course, and even though I, myself, know more about Canada, I cannot deny that Canada still has a magic attraction for me as well as for many other Europe-

It's a big deal to visit Canada. There is something about this place that's supposed to be different. And in fact, as I have already learned it is different. In other ways than I was hoping.

But let me introduce myself first. My name is Susanne. I am 25 years old. I come from Hamburg, a large city in the north of Germany, where I study North American literature and culture.

Since it is my first (and only) year at Dalhousie University I consider myself a Frosh(wo)man and therefore I participated in some of the activities during frosh week.

WOW-I've never seen so many (supposedly mature) kids scream-



ing all the time. They played strange games all day and got drunk all night. They surely exceeded all the expectations I had about going to University.

I will never forget the boat cruise. It was really different to see these students jumping all over the chairs and on the deck, again - screaming all the time. What a way to enjoy a romantic midnight cruise!

But never mind, since school started they have calmed down a bit. The University, in fact, is very nice. They offer interesting classes and great opportunities concerning sports, art and cultural activi-

So does Halifax itself. It is a very nice city, with pretty surroundings.

And not to forget the people. I have only met very friendly and kind people so far, from Halifax and from all over the world, which is a great point gained. In the end, it's up to yourself whether you have a good time or not. I intend to make the best out of my stay.

Even though Nova Scotia does not quite offer an idea of the largeness of Canada, it is still a pretty good place to start.

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