



of your concerns, and of any items, such as antiques, that may need special care?

Since you will be meeting several surveyors, it's a good idea to make your own notes. Consider the quality of the literature offered. Is it comprehensive? Is any of it specifically about Canada? Ask for a list of corporate references and check them. Write down your impressions of the company and the service it offers. You'll find that you will have a

definite favourite, perhaps before the quotations arrive.

The price is right

Budget is, of course, a major consideration. Remember that, as with all services, you will get what you pay for. As one mover said: "If something is worth shipping, it's worth getting it there in one piece".

Canada Hong Kong Business asked four of Hong Kong's top international removal companies to offer quotes for a move to Canada. We asked how much it would cost to move a family of three door to door from Hong Kong to Vancouver or Toronto. Our family lives in a 1,200-square foot apartment, providing an estimated volume of 1,000 cubic feet, which would be packed in a 20-foot container. Esti-

mates ranged from HK\$26,000 to \$32,000 for moves to Vancouver and from \$34,000 to \$39,000 for moves to Toronto. Prices are based on the assumption that the relocation is within a 30-mile radius of city centre. Moves that are further from major cities will cost slightly more. Figures are approximate, do not include insurance, and do not specify whether packing is "loose" or in "liftvans". A loose move means that goods are loaded directly into the 20-foot container. If a move uses liftvans, goods are first packed into smaller boxes, then packed into the 20-foot container. While a liftvan move is more expensive, it offers greater security and safety.



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