

By the later part of 1910, Margaret was receiving glowing reports from William and Emily encouraging them to move to Canada as well. So on December 9, 1910, Margaret sold her two houses located on Ingham Road, Thornhill Lees, and made arrangements to immigrate to Canada early in 1911. William Carruthers was torn, as he hated to leave his own children behind, but he also wanted to stay with Margaret. He eventually decided to stay, and move back with his children on Walker Street. Her son Philip and his wife Annie had also remained in England. Margaret and four of her remaining off-spring journeyed to Liverpool to board the Empress of Britain on February 11, 1911, for their trip to Canada. They arrived in Saint John, New Brunswick on February 18, 1911. When they arrived in Saint John, Margaret's health had deteriorated and she became very ill. As a result, she was not well enough to continue on to Lumsden, Saskatchewan where Emily and her family lived. She was also too ill to return to England, so she stayed in Saint John until her health improved. The family stayed in Saint John for more than six weeks while she recovered from her illness. During the family's stay in Saint John, Margaret decided that when she was well enough to travel, she would return to England instead of finishing her trip to Lumsden. She encouraged her sons George and Joseph and her daughter Lily to finish their trip west to Saskatchewan. On April 6, 1911, Margaret and her youngest son Arthur boarded the Empress of Ireland for their return trip to Liverpool. They traveled third class arriving in Liverpool April 15, 1911. On their return home William Carruthers was thrilled to see them. He was still working for Kilner Brothers at the Providence Glass Works in Thornhill Lees. After their return, William and Margaret and the family lived at Prospect Terrace at 49 Brewery Lane in Thornhill Lees.

The Flowers' siblings did decide to stay in Canada. They boarded a train for the long journey to Lumsden, Saskatchewan, a distance of over 2600 miles to reunite with William and Emily. Soon after arriving in Lumsden, Margaret's three adult sons, George, William and Joseph moved to Warman, Saskatchewan to work beside Edmund and Charles William Watson as section men for the Canadian Northern Railway. Lily remained in Lumsden with her sister Emily and her family. Later they moved to Saskatoon.

By the autumn of 1911, the Flowers' siblings were missing their homeland, and decided to return to Yorkshire as soon as they could make arrangements. Emily's mother-in-law Ann Watson decided that she would travel with them to visit family still living in England. They traveled by train to Quebec City, and sailed back to Liverpool on the Empress of Britain. They departed on November 3, 1911 and arrived in Liverpool on November 10, 1911. It was a rough crossing. They arrived back home in Thornhill Lees virtually penniless. They later learned that the Empress of Ireland had collided with another ship and sank in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, and recalled that Margaret and Arthur had took that same ship three years earlier.

Later in 1911, Margaret and family moved to Saskatoon. They spent their first winter in Canada under the most severe conditions, nearly freezing to death. They lived in two log cabins miles from anywhere. The cabins had a cord between them which was used as a primitive telephone. Native Indians used to beg food and water from them which was frightening to Margaret. The cabins had a hole dug in the floor where food stuffs were stored and kept cool in clay. A bear entered the cabin on one occasion and stole the butter out of this hole in the floor and set about feeding itself on the porch. Sam Exley shot at it with a gun and the bear ran away. The winters were so cold that the Mounties used to push people along if they stopped so that they would not freeze. She could not adjust to this severe climate.

William Flowers decided to travel back to Canada about a year after returning. He departed Liverpool April 26, 1913 on the Laurentic and arrived in Quebec City May 7, 1913. He traveled to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on the Canadian Northern Railway. Besides visiting Sam and Emily, he helped Sam build a house in South Saskatoon over the next year. As the summer of 1914 neared, William was missing England and his family and decided that it was time to go home. He traveled by train back to Montreal, sailing on the Megantic July 4, 1914 and arriving in Liverpool on July 12, 1914. enroute to his home in Yorkshire. This was his last visit to Canada and the last time he visited his sister.