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## THE LAND

CANADA'S borders encompass a huge territory. Here is the largest country in the Western Hemisphere, the third largest in the world. Canada covers almost half a continent, and includes the large northern archipelago which extends practically to the Pole. The total area—more than 3,500,000 square miles—about equals that of all Europe.

Halifax on the Atlantic coast of Canada is closer to Antwerp than it is to Vancouver on the Pacific coast. From east to west the boundary with the United States verges on 4,000 miles in length. From north to south Canada extends nearly 3,000 miles—from the polar regions to the latitude of the Mediterranean.

The greater part of this immense northern territory remains sparsely inhabited. Not area alone, but chiefly soil and climate govern settlement. It is roughly the southern quarter of Canada which at present is capable of supporting a stable population. While certain important