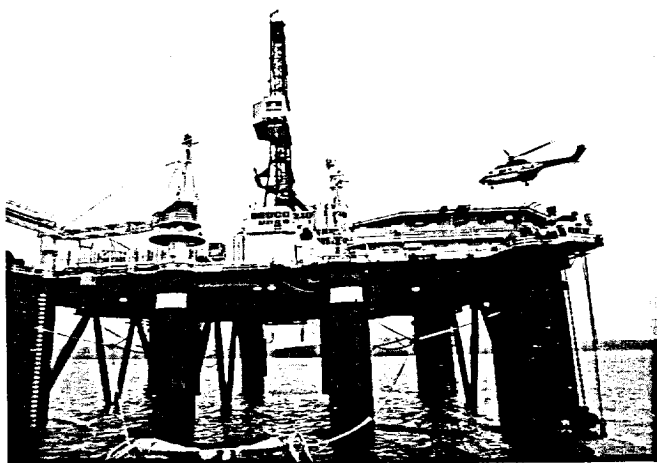




Natural Resources

Almost half the land area of Canada is covered by forests. The pulpwood for paper manufacture comes from the forests of spruce, balsam, fir and pine, which stretch from the Atlantic coast to the Yukon. Owing to the heavy rainfall, trees over 60 m tall are found on the British Columbia coast, which together with Ontario and Quebec supplies much of the lumber common in Canadian house construction.

Softwood lumber and pulp and paper are the most important industrial forest products and leading exports. Canada, the largest producer of newsprint, provides close to 40 per cent of the world total.

Although only about 7 per cent of the land is suitable for farming, there are still millions of hectares