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Farm lands in the interior of British Columbia.

## THE LAND

Canada encompasses a huge territory. It is the largest country in the Western Hemisphere, and third in size among the nations of the world. Canada covers almost half a continent, and includes the northern archipelago which extends practically to the Pole. The total area—more than 3,800,000 square miles (9,842,000 square kilometers)—is slightly larger than that of all Europe.

St. John's 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 is almost 4,000 miles (6,440 kilometers) in length. From north to south Canada extends nearly 3,000 miles (4,830 kilometers) from the polar regions to the latitude of the Mediterranean.

The greater part of this immense northern Territory is sparsely inhabited. Not area alone, but chiefly soil and climate govern settlement. It is roughly the southern quarter of Canada which is at present capable of supporting a stable population. While certain important productive activities extend far northward, all areas of