

could date back to the eleventh century but before that it was probably the home of the Dorset Eskimos from the sixth to the ninth century. Today there are remains of eight sod buildings on the site where the Norse once lived.

— **Dinosaur Provincial Park** in south-eastern Alberta was the home of the Great Canadian Dinosaur Rush of 1910 and 1917. Thousand of fossils of horned dinosaurs, flying dinosaurs, meat-eating dinosaurs and bird mimic dinosaurs have been unearthed in the area. The park is also home for a number of rare and endangered species, such as the golden eagle and the prairie falcon.

— **Head-Smashed-In Bison Jump** located in southern Alberta is the oldest, largest and best preserved bison jump site in North America. It is the spot where Indians forced bisons over an 18-metre cliff, then ate the meat from the dead carcasses. The main kill area at the base of the cliff still contains the skeletal remains of thousands of bison, along with artifacts such as stone projectile points, knives and hide scrapers.

— **Burgess Shale** in British Columbia's Yoho National Park contains what David Attenborough, in his book *Life on Earth*, considers to be "some of the most perfectly preserved fossils in the world". The site also uniquely portrays a major stage in the earth's evolutionary history.

— **Nahanni National Park** in the south-western corner of the Northwest Territories is a 4 000-square-kilometre wilder-

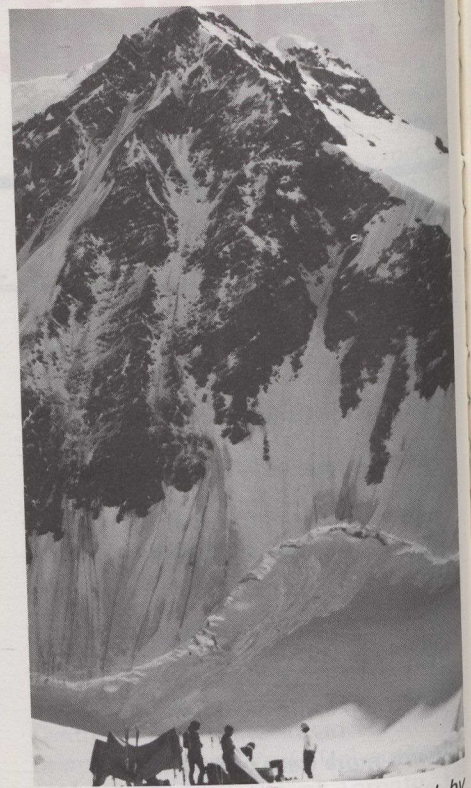
ness area featuring the Virginia Falls, twice the height of Niagara Falls, and Hell's Gate, a series of rapids and whirlpools as dangerous as the name suggests. The forested river valleys are a prime habitat for moose, grizzly and black bear, wolf, woodland caribou, beaver and deer which are among 40 species which live in the area. Its karst terrain also includes major cave systems and hot springs.

— **Kluane National Park** in the Yukon features two huge mountain ranges, one of which includes the 5 951-metre Mount Logan, Canada's highest peak. The area is dominated by some of the world's largest icefields outside the polar regions, and accented by rugged mountains, wide valleys and mountain lakes.

— **Anthony Island Provincial Park** on the southern tip of the Queen Charlotte Islands off the west coast of British Columbia is the site of an important collection of totem and mortuary poles of the Haida Indians. Its village, Ninistints, is considered to be the most impressive coastal Indian site in the Pacific Northwest.

The UNESCO World Heritage Convention, which has been ratified by more than 70 nations, recognizes that the world's natural and cultural heritage must be identified, protected and preserved for future generations. Among the sites newly-added to the World Heritage list are:

— the Pilgrims' church at Wies in the



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- Federal Republic of Germany;
- the ruins of São Miguel das Missoes in Brazil;
- the Pirin National Park in Bulgaria;
- La Cordillera de Tamanca-La Amistad reserve in Costa Rica;
- the Comoe National Park in the Ivory Coast;
- the Sangay National Park in Ecuador;
- the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the southeastern United States;
- the San Juan fortress and historic site in Puerto Rico;
- the Agra fort and the Taj Mahal in India;
- the town of Cuzco and the historic sanctuary of Machu Picchu in Peru;
- the Angra do Heroismo centre in the Azores, the Hieronymites monastery and the Belem tower in Portugal;
- the natural reserve of the Mai Valley in the Seychelles; and
- the Benedictine convent of Saint-Jean des Soeurs in Munster, and the old city of Berne in Switzerland.

Some of the sites already named to the World Heritage list are: the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt; Chartres Cathedral in France; the ancient city of Damascus in Syria; the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador; and Yellowstone National Park in the United States.



Nahanni National Park in the Northwest Territories is famous for its striking scenery and towering Virginia Falls which are twice the height of Niagara Falls.

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