Cordilleran Region.—The western part of the American continent is more or less mountainous. The Andean chain, which extends throughout the length of South America and broadens out in the United States has, in Canada, an average width of about 475 miles. This region, covering about 530,000 square miles, is the most elevated in the Dominion, many of the summits reaching heights of 10,000 feet, with occasional peaks over 13,000 feet above sea-level. The mountainous tract forming the Cordilleras can be divided broadly into three parallel bands: a series of plateaus and mountains, comprised in the Columbia, Interior, Cassiar, and Yukon systems, forming the central part, referred to as the Central Belt; another series of parallel ridges east of the central plateaus, formed of fault rocks and folds and including the Rocky and Arctic systems, known as the Eastern Belt; and a third division between the plateau country and the Pacific, composed of the Pacific and Insular systems, called the Western Belt.

Table 2 shows the principal named Canadian Cordilleran peaks exceeding 11,000 feet in elevation.

2.—Mountain Peaks over 11,000 feet in Elevation, with Latitude and Longitude.

Province and Mountain Peak.	Elevation.	N. Lat.		W. Long.		Range.
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Alberta	11.874	52	14	117	36	Rocky Mt
Alexandra ¹	11,214	51	59	117	12	u
Assiniboine1	11,870	50	56	115	42	"
Athabaska	11,452	52	07	117	11	"
Coleman	11,000	52	06	116	55	**
Columbia ²	12,294	52	09	117	27	. "
Deltaform ¹	11,235	51	18	116	15	14
Diadem	11,060	52	19	117	00	"
Forbes	11,902	51	48	116	56	44
Fryatt.,	11,026	52	33	117	. 54	44
Hector	11,135	51	34	116	15	14
Hungabeel	11,457	51	20	116	17	- 44
Joffret	11,316	50	32	115	12	4
King Edward ¹	11,400	52	10	117	30	"
Kitchener	11,500	52	13	117	19	-41
Lyell ¹ ,	11,495	51	58	117	06	44
Lefroy1	11,230	51	22	116	17	"
Lunette ¹ ,	11,150	50	52	115	39	**
Sir Douglast	11,174	50	43	115	20	44
Snow Domet	11,340	52	11	117	19	44
Stutfield	11,320	52	15	117	29	44
Temple	11,636	51	21	116	15	44
The Twins	{11,675 {12,085	52	13	117	12	ıŧ
Victoria1	11,365	51	23	116	18	**
Wilson	11,000	51	58	118	45	şe
Woolley		52	18	117	25	u

¹ This peak is on the interprovincial boundary between Alberta and British Columbia.