

Particularly notable are the depth of Lake Superior and the shallowness of Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie.

2.—Areas, Elevations, and Depths of the Great Lakes

Lake	Elevation Above Sea-level	Length	Breadth	Maximum Depth	Total Area	Area on Canadian Side of Boundary
	ft.	miles	miles	ft.	sq. miles	sq. miles
Superior.....	602·23	383	160	1,302	31,820	11,200
Michigan.....	580·77	321	118	923	22,400	Nil
Huron.....	580·77	247	101	750	23,010	13,675
St. Clair.....	575·30	26	24	23	460	270
Erie.....	572·40	241	57	210	9,940	5,094
Ontario.....	245·88	193	53	774	7,540	3,727

Lake Superior, with an area of 31,820 square miles, is the largest body of fresh water in the world. As the International Boundary between Canada and the United States passes through the waters of Lakes Superior, Huron, St. Clair, Erie, and Ontario, only the areas of these lakes given in the final column of the above statement are Canadian, while the whole of Lake Michigan is within United States territory. The great obstacle to navigation on this waterway, the rise of 327 feet between Lakes Ontario and Erie, is surmounted by the Welland Ship Canal.

3.—Areas and Elevations of Canadian Lakes with Areas of 300 or More Square Miles, Exclusive of the Great Lakes, by Provinces

Province and Lake	Elevation	Area	Province and Lake	Elevation	Area
	ft.	sq. miles		ft.	sq. miles
Nova Scotia—			Saskatchewan—		
Bras d'Or ¹	tidal	360	Athabaska (total, 3,058) part..	699	2,165
Quebec—			Reindeer (total, 2,444) part...	1,150	2,058
Mistassini.....	1,243	840	Wollaston.....	1,300	768
Minto.....	² 485	485	Cree.....	1,570	555
Clearwater.....	790	410	La Ronge.....	1,250	450
Bienville.....	² 392	392	Peter Pond.....	1,382	302
Kaniapiskau.....	1,850	375	Alberta—		
St. John.....	321	375	Athabaska (total, 3,058) part..	699	893
Abitibi (total, 350) part.....	868	55	Claire.....	699	545
Payne.....	² 300	300	Lesser Slave.....	1,893	461
Ontario—			British Columbia—		
Nipigon.....	852	1,870	Atlin (total, 308) part.....	2,200	307
Woods, Lake of the (total, 1,346) part.....	1,062 ³	1,127	Northwest Territories—		
Seul (reservoir).....	1,172 ⁴	416	Great Bear.....	391	11,490
Rainy (total, 366) part.....	1,107	292	Great Slave.....	495	11,170
Abitibi (total, 350) part.....	868	295	Dubawnt.....	500	1,600
Nipissing.....	643	330	Garry.....	²	980
Manitoba—			Baker.....	30	975
Winnipeg.....	712	9,398	Yathkyed.....	300	860
Reindeer (total, 2,444) part...	1,150	386	Martre, Lac la.....	²	840
Winnipegosis.....	831	2,086	Maguse.....	²	540
Manitoba.....	813	1,817	Aberdeen.....	130	475
Southern Indian.....	800	1,200	Hottah.....	²	377
Island.....	744	550	Kaminuriak.....	320	360
Etawnei.....	² 546	546	Nutarawit.....	²	350
Cedar.....	829	537	Gras, Lac de.....	1,300	345
Moose.....	838	525	Aylmer.....	1,230	340
Gods.....	585	432	Nueltin (total, 336) part.....	²	260
Nueltin (total, 336) part.....	² 76	76	Pelly.....	²	331
			Nonacho.....	1,160	305

¹ This is a salt-water lake.

² Elevation not available.

³ High water figure—low water elevation is 1,055 ft.

⁴ High water figure—low water elevation is 1,156 ft.