

Subsection 2.—Hydrographic Features

Lakes and Rivers.—Canada's fresh water lakes and rivers cover an area of 235,677 sq. miles. The outstanding lakes are, of course, the Great Lakes, though only part of these are in Canadian territory. The International Boundary between Canada and the United States passes through Lakes Superior, Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario. Details are given in Table 2.

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 (U.S.A.).....	580.77	321	118	923	22,400	—
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

There are no tides in these Great Lakes although considerable variation in water-levels is occasioned by strong winds or heavy precipitation.

Other large lakes of Canada, ranging in area from 9,000 to 12,000 sq. miles, are Lake Winnipeg, Great Slave Lake and Great Bear Lake. Apart from these, notable for size, there are innumerable lakes scattered over that major portion of Canada lying within the Canadian Shield. In an area of 6,094 sq. miles, accurately mapped, south and east of Lake Winnipeg, there are 3,000 lakes. In an area of 5,294 sq. miles accurately mapped southwest of Reindeer Lake in Saskatchewan, there are 7,500 lakes.

3.—Areas and Elevations of Principal Lakes, by Provinces and Territories

NOTE.—Areas given are for mean water levels. In the case of those reservoirs and lakes for which two elevations are given, HW means high water, LW low water, and N normal level.

Province and Lake	Elevation	Area	Province and Lake	Elevation	Area
	ft.	sq. miles		ft.	sq. miles
Newfoundland—			Quebec—		
Deer.....	12	24	Abitibi (total, 350) part.....	868	55
Gander.....	86	49	Albanel.....	1,289	145
Grand.....	270	140	Baskatong (reservoir).....	HW 732 LW 677	109
Melville.....	sea-level	1,133	Bienville.....	..	392
Michikamau.....	1,650	566	Burnt (Brûlé).....	1,203	56
Red Indian.....	500	65	Cabonga (reservoir) (Kakabonga).....	HW 1,185 LW 1,169	66
Victoria.....	700	15	Champlain (total, 360) part.....	95	18
			Chibougamau.....	1,253	138
Nova Scotia—			Clearwater.....	790	410
Bras d'Or.....	tidal	360	d'Iberville.....	..	260
			Evans.....	612	180
			Goëland.....	660	125
			Indian House.....	..	125
			Kaniapiskau.....	1,850	210
New Brunswick—			Kempt.....	1,372	63
Grand.....	tidal	65	Kipawa.....	884	95
			Lower Seal.....	860	130