

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 and in Canada, has an average width of over 500 miles. This region, covering about 600,000 square miles in Canada, 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.

Following is a list of the principal named Canadian Cordilleran peaks exceeding 11,000 feet in elevation:—

Names.	Elevation.	N. Lat.		W. Long.		Range.
	ft.	°	'	°	'	
Alberta—						
Alberta.....	11,874	52	14	117	36	Rocky Mts.
Alexandra ¹	11,214	51	59	117	12	"
Assiniboine ¹	11,870	50	56	115	42	"
Athabaska.....	11,452	52	07	117	11	"
Coleman.....	11,000	52	06	116	55	"
Columbia ¹	12,294	52	09	117	27	"
Deltaform ¹	11,235	51	18	116	15	"
Diadem.....	11,060	52	19	117	00	"
Forbes.....	11,902	51	48	116	56	"
Fryatt.....	11,026	52	33	117	54	"
Hector.....	11,135	51	34	116	15	"
Hungabee ¹	11,457	51	20	116	17	"
Joffre ¹	11,316	50	32	115	12	"
King Edward ¹	11,400	52	10	117	30	"
Kitchener.....	11,500	52	13	117	19	"
Lyell ¹	11,495	51	58	117	06	"
Lefroy ¹	11,230	51	22	116	17	"
Lunette ¹	11,150	50	52	115	39	"
Sir Douglas ¹	11,174	50	43	115	20	"
Snow Dome ¹	11,340	52	11	117	19	"
Stutfield.....	11,320	52	15	117	29	"
Temple.....	11,636	51	21	116	15	"
The Twins.....	{ 11,675 12,085	52	13	117	12	"
Victoria ¹	11,365	51	23	116	18	"
Wilson.....	11,000	51	58	116	45	"
Woolley.....	11,170	52	18	117	25	"
British Columbia—						
Bush.....	11,000	54	00	120	15	Rocky Mts.
Bryce.....	11,507	52	03	117	20	"
Clémenceau.....	12,001	—	—	—	—	"
Chown.....	11,500	53	26	119	26	"
Delphine.....	11,076	50	28	116	25	Selkirk Mts.
Fairweather ²	15,300	58	54	137	31	St. Elias Mts.
Farnham.....	11,342	50	29	116	27	Selkirk Mts.
Goodsir.....	11,676	51	12	116	24	Rocky Mts.
Hasler.....	11,113	51	09	117	25	Selkirk Mts.
Huber.....	11,051	51	22	116	18	"
Jumbo.....	11,217	50	24	116	32	Rocky Mts.
King George.....	11,226	50	36	115	24	"
Resplendent.....	11,240	53	05	119	07	"
Robson.....	12,972	53	07	119	08	"
Root ²	12,860	58	59	137	30	St. Elias Mts.
Selwyn.....	11,013	51	09	117	24	Selkirk Mts.
Sir Alexander.....	11,000	54	00	120	15	Rocky Mts.
Sir Sandford.....	11,590	51	39	117	52	Selkirk Mts.
The Helmet.....	11,160	51	11	116	20	Rocky Mts.
Whitehorn.....	11,101	53	08	119	16	"

¹ These peaks are on the interprovincial boundary between Alberta and British Columbia.

² These peaks are on the boundary between British Columbia and Alaska.