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AREA 9,970,610 sq km
POPULATION 34,031,000
MONEY Canadian dollar
CAPITAL Ottawa



▲ **This stamp** is an air-picture of the prairies of central Canada. The huge flat fields of grain reach to the far horizon. Notice the tall buildings to store the grain.



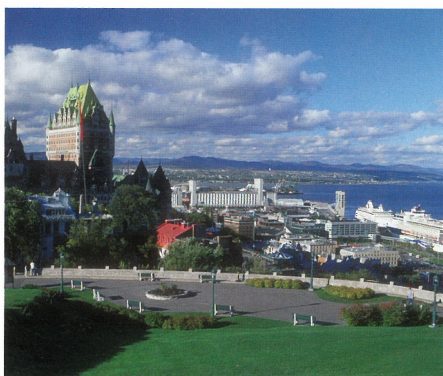
▲ **In western Canada**, the Rocky Mountains are high and jagged. There are glaciers among the peaks. The Rockies stretch for 4800 km through both Canada and the USA. They were a great barrier to the early explorers and to the early settlers, railway engineers and road builders.

ONLY one country in the world is bigger than Canada*, but 36 countries have more people than Canada. Most of Canada is almost empty. Some of the northern islands are uninhabited. Very few people live in the Northwest Territories, or in the western mountains, or near Hudson Bay. The farmland of the prairies (see the top stamp) is uncrowded too. So ... where do Canadians live?

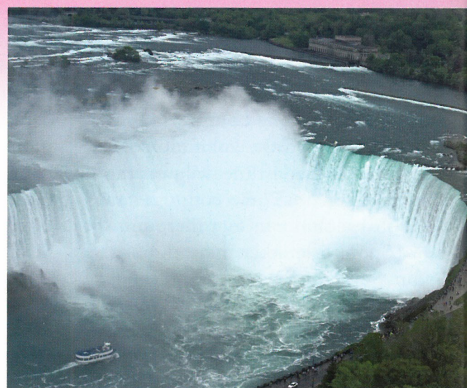
The answer is that more Canadians live in cities than in the countryside. The map shows where the biggest cities are – all of them are in the southern part of Canada, and none are as far north as Norway or Sweden in Europe. Toronto is on the same latitude as Venice and Milan.

These photographs show Canada in summer. In winter, it is very cold indeed in both central and northern Canada. Children go to school even when it is 40° below zero. The mildest winters are in the south-west, around Vancouver.

* Which country? See page 9.



▲ **Quebec City.** The Chateau Frontenac (seen on the left) is built in the style of a French chateau (castle). This part of Canada was once owned by the French, and the people still speak French. On the right is the port beside the River St. Lawrence. Large ocean-going ships can dock here.



▲ **The Niagara Falls** are between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, on the border of the USA and Canada. One part is called the Horseshoe Falls: can you see why? Ships have to use a canal with locks to get past the falls. The falling water is used to generate hydro-electricity.



▲ **A long-distance train** travels through a pass in the Rocky Mountains. The trans-Canada railway helped to unite Canada as one country.