

Canada: geographic features

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There are the Niagara Falls, a major source of hydroelectric power which offers a breathtaking view.

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