



**Applying Map Skills**

1. In which part of Canada does ranching take place?
2. In which cities might you expect to find places where fish are canned?

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form another part of the cordillera. A string of islands off Canada's west coast are actually peaks of underwater mountains. The highest peak in Canada—Mount Logan—soars 19,551 feet (5,959 m) near the border with Alaska.

British Columbia's southwestern Pacific coastline is similar to the coastlines of Washington and Oregon. With its marine west coast climate, this is the only area in Canada that has wet, mild winters. In fact, British Columbia's capital—Victoria—is known for its well-kept gardens that bloom year-round.

**Reading Check** What are three landforms that Canada shares with the United States?

## Canada's Economic Regions

Canada is known for fertile farmland, rich natural resources, and skilled workers. Manufacturing, farming, and service industries are the country's major economic activities. Like the United States, Canada has a free market economy in which people start and run businesses with limited government involvement. Canada's government, however,