The Canadian Shield

- The Canadian Shield region covers about 40% of Canada’s land area.
- There is very little manufacturing in this region.
- The minerals of this region are valuable and there are many mining settlements.
- The mining industry has slowed due to global competition.
- In this region, copper, nickel, uranium, iron, and gold are mined.
- The main vegetation of this region are coniferous trees.
- Logging for lumber and pulp and paper is a major industry in this region.
- The pulp and paper industry is located on the southern edge of this region where there is access to hydroelectric power, good quality trees, and access to well integrated transportation systems.
- The Shield region has a thin covering of soils but is largely formed by ancient rock.
- This region enjoys warm summers and cold winters.
- The Shield is sparsely populated.