

d23 The Neogene scenery of North America

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The multifarious world wears geological motley. Mediated by climate, the underlying rocks influence the form of the landscape, the vegetation ... — Richard Fortey, *Earth*.¹

Second- and third-order physiographic features of North America have all come into being during the Neogene. Exceptions to this are: exhumed Paleogene sceneries in Rocky Mountains locales (*see* Topic *d30*), and elevated ancient-peneplain remnants.

Regions with distinctive sceneries due to differences of climate, tectonism, and bedrock geology, (**Figure d23.1**) are called *physiographic provinces*.² □

*Figure d23.1*³
Geologic maps
of the contiguous
United States of
America and
Southern Ontario,
Canada.

