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deglaciation (de"-gla-ci-a'-tion). The uncovering of a land area from beneath a glacier or ice sheet by the withdrawal of ice due to shrinkage by melting or calving of icebergs. As used in Great Britain, the term is restricted to a process that occurred in the past, in contrast to *deglacierization*. Also, the result of deglaciation.

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