

that increased drug interdiction efforts in the United States might tempt traffickers to look more to the Canadian market or to augment their use of routes through Canada to the United States. According to Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner Norman Inkster, it is estimated that Canadians spend approximately \$10 billion a year on illicit drugs. He went on to underline that this is "at best a well intentioned estimate" based on seizures in Canada and elsewhere, as well as on knowledge of production in various countries and on knowledge of what is not seized. The RCMP estimates that about 200 tonnes of cocaine are produced annually and about 20 tonnes are seized in the United States and Canada. "If those estimates are accurate, 180 tonnes were sold and consumed," Commissioner Inkster said.⁽²⁰⁾ The United States, however, has increased its estimate of Andean cocaine production to 775 tonnes from 400 tonnes, based on seizures of 42 tonnes in various American cities during a six-week period in 1989.

The following chart, based on statistics contained in the RCMP's National Drug Intelligence Estimate 1988/89, indicates the movement of various illicit drugs into Canada by mode of transportation in 1988, expressed as percentages of the total amount of that particular incoming drug.

Figure 1⁽²¹⁾

	<u>Air</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Sea</u>
Heroin	88%	8%	4%
Cocaine	25	55	20
Chemical Drugs	10	89	1
Marijuana	60	10	30
Hashish	30	10	60
Liquid Hashish	85	14	1

The chart reveals that bulkier drugs are often moved by ship. No figures are available on air transportation of illegal drugs over Canada's maritime approaches, or what percentage moves by small, unscheduled aircraft. Furthermore, no estimates were provided to the Committee of what amounts of illegal drugs transiting Canada are destined for the U.S. In October 1989, it was reported that according to unidentified U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration officials, two or three 500 kg loads of cocaine pass through the Maritimes undetected every month en route for the United States.⁽²²⁾

Concerning immigration, under international law all sovereign states have the right to close their borders to foreign nationals. At the same time, international conventions

(20) Proceedings, 9:9.

(21) Royal Canadian Mounted Police, *National Drug Intelligence Estimate 1988/89*, Ottawa, 1990.

(22) "Hiding the Drug Money," *MacLean's*, 23 October 1989, p. 42.