

Undoubtedly, some industries suffered during the course of the recent recession. Some industries found themselves under pressure from global market forces. However, Canadian manufacturers, far from being down for the count, are showing themselves to be resilient, competitive and increasingly successful.

Canadian manufactured products are capturing U.S. markets as they never have before. In the course of the last decade -- and half of that time under the Free Trade Agreement -- Canadian manufacturers' share of the U.S. market has risen by 20 percent.

Transportation equipment -- including autos -- chemical, electrical and electronic, and paper products are the sectors that have led this expansion. For example, Canada's exports to the United States of office, telecommunications and precision instruments were valued at \$9.3 billion in 1991, up a noteworthy 74 percent since 1989, the year the FTA went into effect.

These are not just dry figures. These figures represent that all-important feature of economic growth: jobs. Canada saw the first strong evidence of post-recession job growth in 1992. A net 118 000 jobs were created in the year, and that pace has quickened since.

In the first quarter of 1993, full-time employment grew by 69 000, resulting in total full-time job growth of 151 000 since September 1992. Job creation has continued to surge in May when 99 000 jobs were created in that month alone.

Canada's economic recovery is clearly under way, and the Free Trade Agreement, in providing considerably enhanced access to the U.S. market, is a significant contributor to that growth and new job creation.

Through the steady decrease -- and total elimination in five more years -- of the tariff barriers between us, Canadian producers are benefitting. So are consumers. Statistics Canada estimates that lower duties on imports from the United States resulted in savings to consumers of \$700 million in 1991 alone, and the savings continue to mount.

Tariff elimination has been so successful under the FTA that industries have asked three times for faster removal of duties and, following close consultations, the two governments agreed. I was pleased on July 1 to announce with my colleague, Finance Minister Gilles Loiselle, the third round of accelerated tariff reductions under the Free Trade Agreement.

In all three rounds, Canada and the United States have been able to remove, earlier than scheduled, duties on 950 products amounting to \$9 billion in annual two-way trade between our two