

In addition to opening up the U.S. market to manufacturing, Manitobans have been anticipating the economic jobs and export dollars that Limestone II will create when it comes on stream at the end of the decade. Access to the U.S. market for electricity is now more secure. Possessing the most diversified economy of the Prairie Provinces and with over half of its exports directed towards the U.S., Manitoba industry, especially manufacturers, will find new opportunities. Health and technical standards will no longer be permitted to inhibit agricultural exports.

No part of Canada has more to gain from the Agreement than Ontario. Ontario's economy was built largely on its trade with the U.S. Today, over 90% of its exports go to the U.S. With over two-thirds of these exports in the automotive sector, the Government had two objectives in the negotiations: to preserve the benefits of the Auto Pact and to expand the opportunity for future growth in this industry. This was achieved. In recognition of the importance of the auto industry in both countries, a blue-ribbon panel will be struck to recommend public policy measures and private initiatives to improve competitiveness. The phase-out of tariffs over the next decade will allow more processing to take place in Ontario. Ontario farmers, whose output is the largest of all provinces, will benefit from more secure access to the U.S. market, while the interests of the dairy, poultry and fresh fruit and vegetable producers were safeguarded. Canada's service industries, which account for 70% of the labour force and are concentrated in Ontario, will be major beneficiaries from easier access to the U.S. market for their services and their personnel. Ontario's exports of electricity will be more secure and new opportunities have also been provided for the financial service industry.

Quebecers have a major stake in rolling back protectionism and gaining easier access to the U.S. market. The electricity generated by the hydro plants from James Bay to the St. Lawrence are assured secure entry to the American market. Two-thirds of Quebec's pulp and paper exports go to the U.S. Tariff elimination on pulp and paper will enhance trade opportunities. The negotiations have safeguarded the special interests of sensitive agricultural issues such as horticulture, supply management and the brewing industry. There is scope for further exports by hog and livestock producers, as well as food processors. Montreal's world-scale engineering and consulting firms