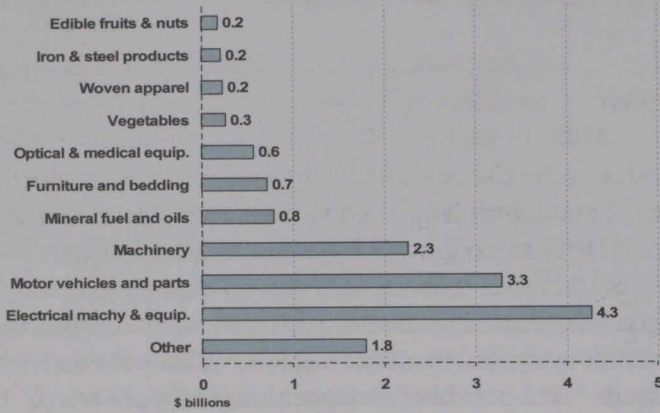


the total, whereas the top 10 imports captured about 88 per cent of all imports. In terms of growth, the top performers were once again related to commodities – mineral fuel and oil, and iron and steel – at 119.7 and 34.2 per cent, respectively. In addition, edible fruits deserve mention at 23.8 per cent increase.

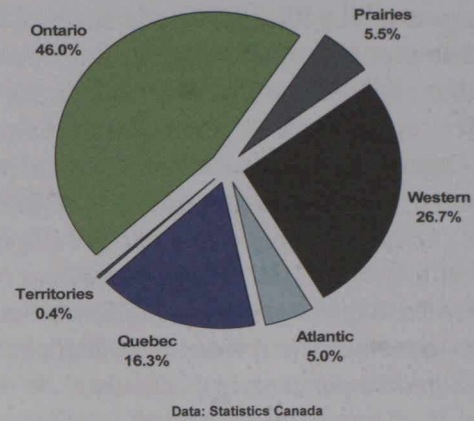
Figure 4-13b
Top-10 Merchandise Imports from Mexico, 2005



Provincial Trade Performance

All provinces and territories witnessed an increase in their merchandise exports to the world in 2005, except for the Northwest Territories. Among provinces, Prince Edward Island, Alberta, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick experienced the fastest growth in merchandise exports in 2005. The main exports from these provinces were prepared vegetables and fish for Prince Edward Island, and mineral fuels and oils for Alberta, Saskatchewan and

Figure 4-14
Share of Merchandise Exports by Canadian Region



New Brunswick. Also noteworthy is the fact that the weakest growth in merchandise exports were experienced by the two largest provinces -Ontario and Quebec – due in part to the relatively weak performance in the manufacturing sector in both provinces.

Of the Canadian regions, Ontario accounted for 46 per cent of all Canadian exports to the world in 2005, followed by the western provinces (Alberta and British Columbia) at a combined 26.7 per cent, Quebec at 16.3 per cent, the Prairies at 5.5 per cent, and the Atlantic provinces at 5 per cent.

Imports from the world were also up for all provinces and territories in 2005, with the exception of Newfoundland, Yukon, and Northwest Territories. Prince Edward Island (47.6 per cent), Alberta (21 per cent), Saskatchewan (19.9 per cent), New Brunswick (16.3 per cent) and Quebec

Table 4-3: Merchandise Exports by Province (\$ millions and percentage change)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005/2004 Change
Newfoundland	3,914	3,529	5,602	4,799	4,563	4,598	0.8
Prince Edward Island	697	677	694	648	667	810	21.5
Nova Scotia	5,219	5,807	5,344	5,477	5,859	5,819	-0.7
New Brunswick	7,476	8,351	8,269	8,574	9,480	10,722	13.1
Quebec	74,200	71,113	68,454	64,191	68,476	70,935	3.6
Ontario	207,079	201,720	206,496	189,099	198,871	200,692	0.9
Manitoba	9,705	9,694	9,567	9,329	9,679	10,038	3.7
Saskatchewan	12,603	11,732	11,282	10,389	12,341	13,997	13.4
Alberta	55,880	57,536	49,549	57,640	67,687	80,835	19.4
British Columbia	35,484	32,923	30,067	29,259	32,234	35,687	10.7
Northwest Territories	665	771	897	1,588	1,975	1,686	-14.6
Yukon	20	12	6	5	5	11	139.8
Nunavut	274	221	152	3	3	4	12.6

Source: Statistics Canada