

EVEN WHEN WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN BEATING BACK PROTECTIONIST MEASURES, WE GET ONLY TEMPORARY RELIEF. TODAY'S VICTORY RESULTS IN TOMORROW'S ATTEMPTS IN CONGRESS TO CHANGE THE LEGISLATION TO CATCH US NEXT TIME. THAT LEAVES A CONSTANT CLOUD OVER OUR EXPORTS, AND NATURALLY DRIVES AWAY SOME INVESTMENT IN THESE INDUSTRIES.

AS ^{WE} KNOW TOO WELL, ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS THREATS NOW IS TO THE LUMBER INDUSTRY. AMERICANS BUY MORE THAN HALF OF ALL WE PRODUCE, AND 60,000 CANADIAN JOBS ARE AT STAKE. THREE YEARS AGO, AN ATTEMPT IN CONGRESS TO IMPOSE NEW DUTIES ON CANADIAN LUMBER WAS DEFEATED. THERE ARE NOW THREE NEW BILLS BEFORE CONGRESS THAT WOULD RESTRICT OUR SALES OF SOFTWOOD LUMBER.

OTHER EXPORTS UNDER THREAT INCLUDE SUGAR. AND STEEL. AND FISH. AND SALT. AND RASPBERRIES. AND BLUEBERRIES. AND OTHER PRODUCTS. THERE IS EVEN TALK IN UNITED STATES OF IMPOSING SURCHARGES ON ALL IMPORTS, AND THAT WOULD BE A SEVERE BLOW TO OUR ECONOMY. IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT A 10% REDUCTION IN OUR EXPORTS ALONE COULD SHOW A QUARTER OF A MILLION CANADIANS OUT OF WORK.