

for the textile sector, and U.S. tariffs must disappear immediately.

Pygmy Canadians face American giants

ACF Grew Inc. (Peter R. Francis, President) said free trade would result in the decline of his company and the Canadian power and pleasure boat industry in general.

He said by American standards his company was a "pygmy" and that if free trade existed he would have to face competition from American companies 20 to 30 times larger. His American competition already operates successfully in Canada.

He said the task of expanding into a new market of 250 million people would be "staggering" since it would require new facilities, expensive advertising to establish his company and vast amounts of capital for a venture that has "no assurance of success".

Not only would the American elephant outrun and outmuscle the Canadian mouse, the elephant is already so far ahead that the mouse would never catch up. "He is already out of sight," Mr. Francis said.

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Concern about bilateral approach

B.C. Mining Association (Tex Enemark, President) cautioned that a free trade arrangement with the U.S. alone could be harmful to its members and the industry. The group stressed that a move towards trade liberalization with the United States must not undermine the multilateral approach taken through GATT.