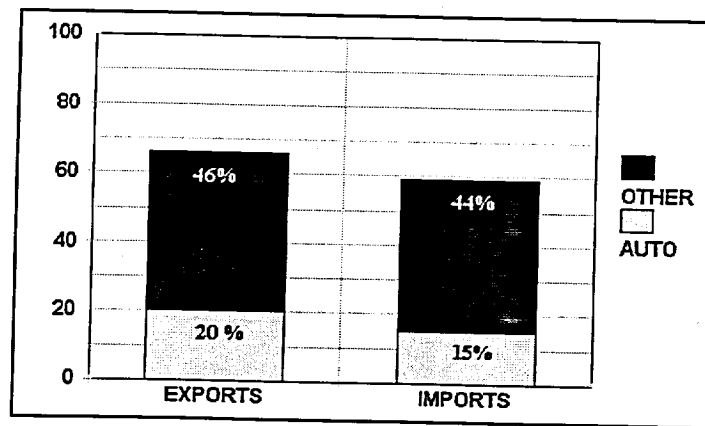


Figure 2: As a Proportion of Total Canada-US Trade



Source: Cameron, *Industry Canada Paper*, 1997

IV. Trends in FDI

This section addresses the central question of what the Canadian FDI experience is over the period of study?³³ For the purpose of identifying FDI trends within the region, aggregated data is presented for two periods: 1985 to 1989; and (ii) 1990 to 1994. The data provides the basis for comparing the FDI trends in the two periods³⁴.

Charts V and VI and Tables III to VI present data on FDI stocks. Chart V traces the FDI stock position (in current Canadian billion dollars) of the three NAFTA signatories through 1985, 1990 and 1994. The Chart shows that in all three countries, total FDI stocks increased, with the highest value, not unexpectedly, recorded for the US in all the years surveyed. Chart VI presents some more recent data for Canada.

³³For assessments of NAFTA, which cover most of this period, see Rugman & Verbeke, Rugman & Gestrin, Nymark & Verdun and Globerman; all in Rugman ed. *Foreign Investment & NAFTA* (1994); Rugman & Gestrin in *Commentary* (1993).

³⁴Consistent data on FDI stocks and flows is available for the FTA/NAFTA signatory countries up to 1994. Therefore, the data analysis is done for the post FTA/NAFTA period up to 1994 only.