

#### IV. ANTICIPATED EFFECTS OF FREE TRADE

As was done in the June survey, respondents were asked to consider a number of possible outcomes or consequences of free trade and to indicate two things: whether they think that particular outcome is likely if a free trade agreement is reached between the two countries; and second, whether they consider that outcome to be important in making up their minds about free trade (Table 6).

Table 6

#### PERCEIVED LIKELIHOOD AND IMPORTANCE OF POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

ITEMS	IMPORTANT		LIKELY		STANDARDIZED REGRESSION COEFFICIENT*
	JUNE	AUGUST	JUNE	AUGUST	
	1987 %	1987 %	1987 %	1987 %	
Whether more jobs are gained than lost	93	93	55	54	.110
Whether we are able to maintain program like unemployment insurance and health insurance	92	94	62	66	.098
Whether the agreement will be fair and equitable for both countries	--	94	--	45	.215
Whether the U.S. keeps to the terms of the agreement	--	93	--	54	NS**
Whether Canada will continue to have an independent foreign policy	--	90	--	58	.100
Whether Canadian wood and paper industry sales increase in the U.S.	--	88	--	71	NS