

of this industry is based); the textile industry (21%, climbing to 32% in the province where this industry is an important component of the economy, Quebec); and clothing manufacturers (20%, once again markedly higher (31%) in Quebec). Other notable mentions were: manufacturing in general (16%); agriculture-related industries (10%); and pulp and paper companies/forestry (8%, exactly double this in B.C.).

### **6.5.2 Perceptions as to How Selected Industries Would Fare Under the NAFTA**

Study participants were asked how they think each of 13 selected types of industries would fare as a result of the trilateral free trade agreement between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico - would that particular industry be better off or worse off? On this count, respondents are most optimistic about the prospects for high-tech companies, the energy industry and the financial sector, but are very worried about how the NAFTA would affect clothing and textile industries, automobile manufacturers and the manufacturing sector in general [figure 32].

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