

8. Report of the Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada. Ottawa: Minister of Supply and Services, 1985; see especially Volume One, Part II, Section 6, "Free Trade with the United States". Valuable contributions to an understanding of Canada-U.S. trade policy issues and relationships were also made in the late 1950s by the report of the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects (the Gordon Commission) and in several of the studies prepared for it, notably the study by Irving Brécher and S.S. Reisman Canada-United States Economic Relations (1957). For a pre-war perspective, see the landmark study by W.A. Mackintosh The Economic Background of Dominion Provincial Relations, prepared for the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations. Ottawa: King's Printer, 1939.
9. This more legalistic approach to trade policy, especially in the United States, has been analysed in several studies by Rodney de C. Grey. See his "The General Agreement After the Tokyo Round" in John Quinn and Philip Slayton, eds., Non-Tariff Barriers after the Tokyo Round. Montreal: Institute for Research on Public Policy, 1982; Trade Policy in the 1980s: An Agenda for Canadian U.S. Relations. Montreal: C.D. Howe Institute, 1981; and United States Trade Policy Legislation: A Canadian View. Montreal: Institute for Research on Public Policy, 1982.
10. Since 1982 federal and provincial ministers concerned with international trade have met together on a regular basis to exchange views on international trade policy issues and developments. While the discussions generally cover a broad range of issues, Canada-U.S. trade negotiations have been at the top of the agendas of recent meetings; the communique issued after the May 1985 meeting in Vancouver stated it have been agreed that there is "an urgent need for a comprehensive agreement to secure and expand our access to the U.S. market" (Department of External Affairs, Communiqué, May 29, 1985).
11. Special Joint Committee on Canada's International Relations, Interim Report, August 23, 1985 One of the Committee's recommendations was that there be immediate bilateral trade discussions with the United States (p. 56); another was that "the negotiations include the formulation of an effective mechanism for ongoing administration of any bilateral agreement or agreements, including the settlement of disputes" (p. 60).
12. See note 8 above.
13. Ontario Legislative Assembly, Select Committee on Economic Affairs, Ontario Trade Review: Interim Report. Toronto: Queen's Park, October 1985. The report includes a dissent by the New Democrat members of the Select Committee.
14. The Macdonald Commission Report, on pages 350-357 of Volume One, contains a refreshing, contemporary perspective of the much-debated question of the impact on Canadian sovereignty and independence of a new trade agreement with the United States.