

and Canada Mexico's fourth most important supplier and second largest export market. In view of certain statistical discrepancies, Mexican figures tend to under-estimate the volume of trade between Mexico and Canada. This is particularly true with regard to Mexican exports to Canada which, expecially in the agriculture sector, are often consigned to U.S. brokers. The following are two-way trade statistics from the past few years with figures for the first seven months of 1980 which show a rapid rise in trade which has taken place (126% in exports to Mexico, 56.9% in imports from Mexico). The figures are expressed in million of Canadian dollars.

|                                  | <u>1973</u> | <u>1974</u> | <u>1975</u> | <u>1976</u> | <u>1977</u> | <u>1978</u> | <u>1979</u> | <u>Jan-Jul</u><br><u>1980</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Canada's<br>Exports to<br>Mexico | 118.6       | 188.1       | 218.6       | 213.1       | 217.5       | 229.3       | 236.3       | 235.7                         |
| Imports<br>from<br>Mexico        | 83.3        | 114.3       | 95.4        | 146.1       | 194.9       | 184.2       | 207.3       | 201.1                         |

Leading Canadian exports to Mexico are asbestos fibres, skim milk powder, steel sheets and strip, railway rails, motor vehicle parts, newsprint and coal. Major sales of wheat and urban rail rolling stock have been negotiated from time to time as needed. Leading Canadian imports from Mexico are green coffee, automotive parts and accessories, fresh tomatoes, television and phonograph set chassis, fluorspar, baler twine and frozen strawberries. Petroleum will soon become the number one import.

In the past few years the Mexican and Canadian governments have been actively working towards greater cooperation in energy and industrial fields. An Industrial and Energy Cooperation Agreement was signed by Ministers during President Lopez Portillo's