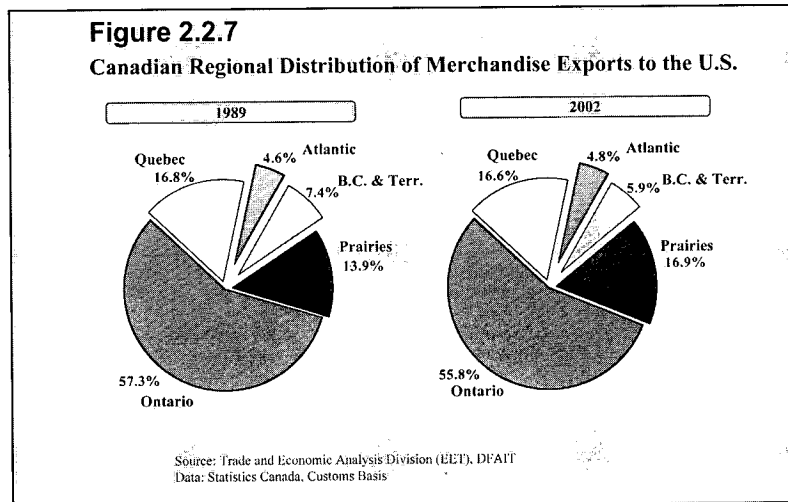




On the import side, every Canadian region saw a decline in the importance of the U.S. as a source of imports from 1989 to 2002. Quebec and the Prairies saw the largest declines, although from very different levels. In 1989, 84.3 percent of the Prairies' merchandise imports came from the U.S., the highest in Canada, while only 45.0 percent of Quebec's imports came from the U.S. It is interesting to note that the three regions, B.C., Atlantic and Quebec, which have easier access to maritime shipping, are the least dependent on imports from the U.S.

