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The Department of External Affairs and the French Embassy announce that an Agreement, concerning patent problems arising as a result of the war, was signed yesterday in Ottawa by His Excellency Francisque Gay, Ambassador of France, and Mr. L. B. Pearson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

By this Agreement, provision is made by France for accepting from Canadian citizens patent applications delayed by the war in exchange for similar privileges granted by Canada in Section 28A of the Canadian Patent Act as amended in 1947.

The negotiations took place last week in Ottawa between representatives of the interested departments of each Government. Canada was represented by officials of the Patent and Copyright Office and the Department of External Affairs, while officers of the French Embassy, Mr. Mathon, Director of Industrial Property in Paris, and Mr. Legendre of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs represented France.

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