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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Air Agreement between Canada and Ireland was amended today in Dublin by an exchange of notes signed by the Canadian Ambassador, Mr. W.F.A. Turgeon, and the Irish Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Aiken.

Formerly, Trans-Canada Airlines had the right to take on and put down at Shannon airport passengers and cargo to and from Canada. Today's exchange of notes extends this right to cover passengers and cargo to and from all countries. The original agreement provides for reciprocal rights to be exercised by an Irish airline, if one is designated by the Government of Ireland.

The entry of Newfoundland into Confederation transferred the responsibility for the airport at Gander from the United Kingdom to Canada. The amendment of the agreement afforded the opportunity to re-state Irish operating rights at Gander which had earlier been provided for in an agreement between Ireland and the United Kingdom, and to confirm existing rights at Montreal.
