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An agreement between Canada and the United States of America on the operation of certain types of radio transmitters and equipment was signed today in Ottawa by Mr. Lionel Chevrier, Minister of Transport, and Mr. Stanley Woodward, United States Ambassador in Ottawa. It will not come into force until it has been ratified by the legislatures of the two countries.

The agreement will eliminate certain difficulties which have appeared in recent years because, by the laws of both Canada and the United States, Canadian citizens have not been allowed to operate radio transmitters in the United States, and United States citizens have not been allowed to operate similar equipment in Canada.

Three classes of persons will benefit from the agreement. In the first place, Canadian and United States pilots who are qualified radio operators will be permitted to operate the radio transmitters installed in civilian aircraft of the other country's registry. Secondly, operators of mobile radio transmitters installed in vehicles used for public service or for commercial purposes in border areas, and private persons with radio telephony installed in their cars, will be able to obtain permission to use their equipment while in the territory of the other country. Thirdly, amateur wireless operators will be permitted, under certain conditions, to use their sets while visiting the other country.
