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A Bilateral Agreement for Air Services between Canada and New Zealand was signed today in Wellington, New Zealand. Mr. Alfred Rive, Canadian High Commissioner in Wellington, signed on behalf of Canada, while the Honourable F. W. Doidge, New Zealand Minister for External Affairs, signed on behalf of his Government.

The Agreement is similar in form to an air agreement previously concluded with Australia in 1946 and provides for the direct carriage of traffic between Canada and New Zealand from designated airports at Vancouver and Auckland.

Canadian Pacific Airlines has already been designated by the Canadian Government to operate international air services in the Pacific and, since 1949, has maintained a service between Vancouver and Sydney with round trips every two weeks.

The New Zealand Government is a partner in the British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines, which has been operating air services between Australia, New Zealand and Vancouver since 1946. Consequently, the Agreement signed today will not involve the inauguration of any new services except for the extension of the Canadian Pacific Airlines flights to New Zealand.