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The Department of External Affairs announced today that an Agreement between Canada and Japan for waiving visa fees was signed by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, and the Ambassador of Japan, His Excellency Dr. Koto Matsudaira.

Under the Agreement, Canadian and Japanese citizens, seeking temporary entry not exceeding twelve months to Japan or Canada respectively, can be issued visas, free of charge, valid for an unlimited number of entries over a twelve-month period.

Until this Agreement comes into force on July 1, 1955, travellers between the two countries will be required as in the past to pay a fee in order to obtain visas for temporary entry.