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A bilateral agreement for air services between Canada and the Republic of France was signed this afternoon in Ottawa. The Honourable Lionel Chevrier, Minister of Transport, signed on behalf of Canada while Mr. Jean Basdevant, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the French Embassy in Ottawa, signed on behalf of his government.

The agreement provides for direct carriage of traffic between Canada and France. Montreal and Paris have been designated as the airports at which France and Canada may exercise their respective traffic rights.

It is understood that Air France, the airline which will be designated by the French Government to operate the Paris-Montreal route, has already opened an office in the new International Aviation Building in Montreal and plans to inaugurate commercial flights in the early autumn of this year. Trans-Canada Air Lines, which will be designated as the Canadian airline to operate on this route, is surveying the possibility of initiating operations some time prior to the main summer traffic season of 1951.

The inauguration of these air routes will serve to cement the good relations which have existed between Canada and the Republic of France for so many years.
