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**Travel Freedom As Peace Assurance:** The Canadian Press reported, in part, as follows this morning on the speech of the Prime Minister before the Annual Convention of the Quebec Chamber of Commerce, on September 13: Hull, September 13 -- (CP) -- Prime Minister St. Laurent today said Canada wants a tourist industry which will lead to peace between nations.

Mr. St. Laurent spoke in French before the Annual Convention of the Quebec Chamber of Commerce. While all forms of external trade were extremely important to Canada, none was more fruitful than the kind of trade the tourist industry represented.

He chided Canadians for thinking of the country's tourist industry in terms of money alone. Canada had great need of American dollars, but had still greater need of the United States' friendship and understanding.

Nevertheless the monetary value of the tourist industry was important. It brought in \$270,000,000 from the U.S. last year, "making the industry one of the most important sources of American dollars."

"This year," Mr. St. Laurent said, "it is expected that the amount will be about 10 per cent higher."

As a background for the settlement of problems between the two countries, Canada-U.S. friendship was of "inestimable value...."

"Closed frontiers create iron curtains. Open frontiers are avenues of peace...."

**Church Of England Synod:** The Church of England in Canada on September 13 heard one of its committees report that provisions for civil marriages in Canada "would, on the whole, be desirable."

Later, the Church's General Synod defeated a motion which would have asked the Provincial Governments concerned to pass permissive legislation. This automatically throws out the subject until at least the next General Synod.

The Synod also called for a Royal Commission to make a comprehensive investigation of Canada's liquor traffic.

The resolution was one of several adopted by the Church's 17th General Synod during consideration of a wide range of moral and social issues. All these arose during debate on the report of the Council for Social Services.

**Air Crash Inquest:** The Canadian Press reported, in part, as follows on the impending inquest into the deaths of 23 persons in the recent C.P.A. air crash:

Quebec, September 13 -- (CP) -- A coroner's inquest into the Canadian Pacific Airlines plane crash at Sault Au Cochon, Quebec, 40 miles east of here on the northshore of the St. Lawrence River, is scheduled to open in Quebec City court house tomorrow.

The inquest will be held under Coronor Paul V. Marceau, who said tonight a metal box will be presented as evidence.

The box, found in the thick woods between Sault Au Cochon and Cap Tourmente, scene of the crash, was reported to have fallen from the DC-3 before it crashed, killing 23. It was picked up by Patrick Simard, an eel fisherman, and turned over to investigators.

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