To support their activities in this field, both industry and universities need ready access to information. This was one reason why industry set up the Canadian Nuclear Association, a body that has held a highly successful series of annual conferences at which both progress and the prospects for the future are reviewed. A commercially published magazine, *Canadian Nuclear Technology*, maintains the flow of general information and opinion. Detailed technical information is available principally from the library of the Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories, which lends about 500 items a month from its comprehensive collection of the world's nuclear literature. Information is also distributed from extensive depository collections at the libraries of the University of British Columbia, McMaster University and the National Research Council and from seven smaller collections located across Canada.

In the international field, close ties are kept with the United States Atomic Energy Commission and the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, both of which have representatives permanently at Chalk River. There is an agreement with the United States for co-operative work on heavy-water-moderated reactors; it provides for the free exchange of all technical data in this field and a commitment by the United States to spend $1,000,000 yearly on research and development related to reactors of Canadian design. Collaboration has also been established with the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and Euratom, as well as with Australia, West Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Pakistan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.S.R. and, less formally, with Denmark, France and Norway. In India, a major experimental reactor—the Canada–India Reactor—similar to NRX at Chalk River was constructed and was formally inaugurated in January 1961.

A 200-megawatt plant similar to that at Douglas Point is being constructed in India on a co-operative basis, known as the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (RAPP). India has announced plans to install a second similar unit on the same site and two more units on another site near Madras. Pakistan has entered into an agreement to purchase from the Canadian General Electric Company a 130-megawatt station for the Karachi area.

Research and Research Facilities.—At the Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories, basic and applied research is carried on by about 200 professional scientists and engineers supported by 300 technicians devoted to research in nuclear physics, nuclear chemistry, radiobiology, reactor physics, radiation chemistry, environmental radioactivity, physics of solids and liquids, and other subjects, using as their primary facilities the two major reactors, NRX and NRU, the auxiliary reactors, ZEEP, PTR and ZED-2, the tandem Van de Graaff accelerator and analytical facilities such as a precision beta-ray spectrometer, mass spectrometers, electron microscopes, multi-channel pulse analysers, automatic recorders, and analogue and digital electronic computers.

Basic research is carried on in many fields, especially that of the structure of atomic nuclei and of the interactions of neutrons, not only with individual nuclei but also with liquids and crystalline solids, particularly those involving energy transfer. For nuclear structure studies, the tandem Van de Graaff has made pioneer work possible by providing multiply-charged ions of precisely known energy and direction. It has proved possible to produce nuclei in specific energy states by different routes and to identify and analyse the states, thereby deducing the spin and other characteristics and discovering, for example, three correlated series of rotational states in the nucleus neon-20. Not only is this important to a basic understanding of nuclear structure but it also finds application in unravelling the complex of nuclear reactions responsible for the genesis of nuclei in the interior of stars.

Studies of neutron interactions with matter are made possible by the intense beams of neutrons available from the NRU reactor. By monitoring the neutrons in cosmic radiation, it has been possible to find correlations with the occurrence of solar flares and contribute to the recent advances of knowledge of phenomena in interplanetary space. Isotope techniques have brought about revisions in the basic theory of chemical reactions induced by radiation. This basic research may find a useful application in the technology of using an organic liquid as coolant in nuclear power reactors.