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.

The research facilities of the NRX and NRU reactors have continued to attract individual scientists as well as teams from universities and from other countries. The international study on the scattering and slowing of neutrons by moderators and other materials of interest at high and low temperatures was recently drawn successfully to a close. More facilities for studying radiation damage under closely controlled conditions are coming into use. These include devices for measuring creep of metals under stress and fast neutron bombardment at controlled temperatures.

The first major installation at the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment (WNRE) is the organic liquid-cooled, heavy-water-moderated experimental reactor WR-1, commissioned in 1965. Under a special agreement the facilities of this reactor are now shared with the USAEC and their contractors. The facilities are specially suited for development work toward large reactors of a similar type that have been selected by the USAEC as promising for their water desalination program. The facilities of WR-1 are quite extensive and can be applied to development work also with other coolants such as boiling water and superheated steam. Laboratory facilities at WNRE are specially suited to studies of the effects of radiation and a wide program from molecular biology to radiation chemistry and reactor engineering is envisaged. A new tandem Van de Graaff rated at 10,000,000 volts on the terminal has replaced the former machine at Chalk River that attained 7,000,000 volts. The growing use of lithium-drifted germanium detectors for precise measurements of gamma-ray energies has led also to more extensive electronic digital data-processing.

Nuclear Power Development.—Much of the success of the CANDU series of reactors is attributable to the engineered design of the fuel tested in many experimental irradiations under conditions that are more exacting than normal service. The fuel is uranium dioxide specially prepared from natural uranium entirely in Canada. Strings of pellets of sintered oxide are charged into thin-walled zirconium alloy tubes. The tubes deform slightly in service in a determined manner that has proved satisfactory. The migration of the fission product atoms, especially the gases, has been extensively studied and satisfactory operating conditions established for the full energy yield of 9,000 megawatt-days per ton of uranium and more. This energy yield is so great that there is no need to make provision for processing the spent fuel and the prospective fuelling cost is less than