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similar arrangement has been made to assist in the operation of certain institutes or research centres. This type of support was awarded on an *ad hoc* basis, and is currently under review.

*Special Project Grants/Project Research Applicable in Industry.* These are new grants, developed within the framework of the Negotiated Grant Program, to support research that will make significant contribution to developments in Canadian industry. Proposals from university researchers must be of direct interest to particular industrial firms and awards will be made to accomplish specific objectives that will result in the transfer of research results from university laboratory to industry.

*General Research Grants,* awarded annually to the executive head of each Canadian university at which a program of postgraduate studies and an appreciable volume of research supported by NRC operating grants are being carried on. The funds provided through these grants may be used by the university president as he sees fit for the broad purpose of promoting scientific research in the fields supported by the Council's awards program.

NRC laboratories The National Research Council has nine laboratories, dealing with biological sciences, building research, chemistry, mechanical engineering, aeronautical research, radio and electrical engineering and physics, as well as the Atlantic Regional Laboratory in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the Prairie Regional Laboratory in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

These laboratories carry out long-term, applied and specific project research work in areas for which commercial companies have neither sufficient money nor facilities. The results of research are disseminated through NRC publications, which provide an international distribution for scientific information coming out of Canadian laboratories and institutes. Laboratory inventions are patented and made available to Canadian manufacturers.

A *Division of Biological Sciences* has been formed by amalgamation of the Biochemistry Laboratory and the Division of Biology. This union provides greater flexibility and increased resources for achieving an integrated approach to significant biological problems. Many groups have collaborative projects with scientists in universities, industries and other governmental agencies.

The provision of a comprehensive research service for the Canadian construction industry is the primary concern of the *Division of Building Research*. It also serves as the technical research wing

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