IN 1917, principally as a war measure, the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto authorized the installation of an Aerodynamics Laboratory, including Wind Channel and necessary instruments. The laboratory was installed and operated in the Mechanical Building until last year, when imperative additions to other equipment rendered the continuance of the wind channel impossible in this building.

The Department of National Defence, recognizing the importance of maintaining the laboratory, the only one of its kind in Canada, and of continuing its work, granted to the University through the Honorary Advisory Council for Industrial and Scientific Research five thousand dollars toward the erection of a suitable building for housing the wind channel in return for the maintenance of such facilities as had heretofore been available to the Department. The offer was accepted by the University and the building completed, the additional cost over and above that of the grant being borne by the University.

The Aerodynamics Laboratory is used for studies and researches in connection with the flow of air,