

300 workers. It was by far the largest organization ever created in Canada to carry out a single research project. Other research projects were undertaken at McMaster, Toronto and McGill Universities, and at the National Research Laboratories in Ottawa.

Developments in the United States and Canada.

By the summer of 1942, the expanded programme of research seemed to justify a decision to proceed with the construction of large-scale production plants in the United States. The Americans alone were active in large-scale work.

At Quebec, in September 1943, an agreement was signed between Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt, which bound their two countries to collaborate with the object of producing, as quickly as possible, a military weapon for use in the war. Under this agreement a Combined Policy Committee was set up. Upon the invitation of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, in which I had concurred, Mr. Howe, the Minister of Munitions and Supply, was made a member of the Combined Policy Committee as the representative of Canada.

Up to the present, uranium is the mineral that has been used as basic material for the atomic bomb process. Thorium is a probable second basic material for that purpose,