

## 2.—Statistics of Hospitals for Mentally Defective Persons in the Nine Provinces of Canada—concluded.

Items.	Man- itoba. <sup>1</sup>	Saskat- chewan. <sup>2</sup>	Alberta. <sup>3</sup>	British Colum- bia. <sup>4</sup>
Number of institutions.....	3	2	2	3
Inmates (beginning of year).....	1,291	1,170	821	1,787
Admissions.....	211	529	265	447
Discharges and deaths.....	159	405	154	450
Improved or cured.....	—	—	129	—
Inmates (end of year).....	1,343	1,294	862	1,784
Staff—Doctors.....	268	—	—	8
Nurses.....		122	—	27
Revenue—Government grants.....	—	—	19,860	—
Fees.....	\$ 52,038	\$ 93,039	—	\$ 82,396
Total.....	\$ 90,322	\$ 117,727	\$ 19,860	\$ 82,396
Expenditure—Salaries.....	\$ 196,347	\$ 205,339	\$ 8,800	\$ 238,420
Buildings and equipment.....	\$ —	\$ 73,332	—	\$ 132,167
Total.....	\$ 274,804	\$ 699,759	\$ 18,954	\$ 585,112

<sup>1</sup> Year ending (10 months) Aug. 31, 1922.

<sup>2</sup> Year ending April 30, 1923.

<sup>3</sup> Year ending Dec. 31, 1922. One institution for the care of mentally-defective children is included. Figures of revenue and expenditure apply to this institution only.

<sup>4</sup> Year ending Mar. 31, 1924.

## I.—DOMINION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

The activities of the Dominion Department of Health for the fiscal year 1924 may be classified under the following eleven headings:—Quarantine Service, including Leper Stations, Immigration Medical Service, Marine Hospitals Service, Venereal Disease Control, Housing, with Hospitalization and Sanitation, Opium and Narcotic Drugs, Proprietary or Patent Medicines, Child Welfare, Food and Drug Laboratories, Public Works Health Act and Finance.

**Quarantine Service.**—Organized quarantine stations were operated at Charlottetown, P.E.I., Chatham, N.B., Halifax, N.S., Louisbourg, N.S., North Sydney, N.S., Quebec, Que., St. John, N.B., and Victoria, B.C. The total number of vessels reporting at the above stations was 2,134, and of examinations of individuals 428,498. A total of 758 persons was distributed to quarantine hospitals and detention buildings. Of these, 189 were actually sick; the remainder, of whom 267 were detained as possible smallpox contacts, was made up of contacts and persons accompanying the sick. Diseases treated in the quarantine hospitals numbered 32; 57 of the total number of cases were of measles, 29 of chicken pox, 16 of acute cold, 11 of smallpox and 10 of tonsillitis, the remaining diseases occurring in 9 or fewer cases.

The service has under its supervision two leper stations, one at Tracadie, N.B., and the other at Bentinck island, B.C. Ten patients were under treatment at the Tracadie lazaretto, six males and four females. One patient died during the year. Seven patients were cared for during the year at the Bentinck Island lazaretto, an increase of two over the previous year.

**Immigration Medical Service.**—For the purpose of detecting physical or mental defects in immigrants, as provided by the Immigration Act, 138,241 immigrant passengers were examined; of this number, 1,380 were found to be of the prohibited classes (mental defectives, those afflicted with loathsome or contagious disease and physically defective persons), while in addition, 283 other passengers (immigrant and non-immigrant) were detained for medical or surgical treatment