

5.—Hospitals and Philanthropic Institutions in Quebec, 1923.

Items.	General, Maternity, Isolation and Private Hospitals.	Sanatoria for Con- sumptives.	Hospitals for the Insane.	Homes, Orphanages and Refuges.
Number of institutions.....	58	5	6	122
Number of patients (beginning of year).....	2,972	219	6,026	12,027
Admissions.....	48,135	295	1,447	5,981
Discharges, deaths, etc.....	48,297	338	1,410	5,790
Number of patients (end of year).....	2,810	176	6,063	12,218
Staff—Doctors.....	373	136	28	3,506
Nurses.....	2,883			
Receipts—Government grants ¹	\$ 561,491	184,392	1,113,039	391,927
Fees, etc.....	\$ 1,419,579	44,173	278,147	—
Total.....	\$ 3,703,079	399,334	1,514,516	3,272,523
Expenditure—Salaries, etc.....	\$ 667,052	39,302	342,422	452,343
Buildings and equipment.....	\$ 902,176	148,749	386,073	878,783
Total.....	\$ 3,703,079	358,413	1,521,384	3,291,733

¹ Provincial and municipal governments.

5.—Ontario.

A Provincial Department of Health, responsible to the Minister of Health and comprising divisions in charge of laboratories, industrial hygiene, public health education, preventable diseases, sanitary engineering and maternal and child welfare, oversees the administration of the Public Health Act throughout the province. Through its division into eight districts, each of which is in charge of a district officer of health, close touch is maintained between the Department and the municipalities through the province. This contact, of course, is strengthened by the relations between municipally-appointed health officers and the officials appointed by the Provincial Government.

The principal statistics of hospitals and similar institutions in Ontario are found in the Report of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions, containing data relative to government-aided hospitals, orphan asylums and county houses of refuge, and in the Report upon the Hospitals for the Insane, Feeble-minded and Epileptic, relating to the provincially-operated institutions for the care of mental defectives.

The number of general and maternity hospitals given in Table 6 is exclusive of 53 private hospitals which are not required to make detailed returns to the inspector of prisons and public charities. The number of refuges and orphanages, 105 in all, is made up of 41 refuges in cities and towns, 30 orphanages, 3 convalescent homes and 31 county houses of refuge. The total number of days' stay in hospitals during the year ended Sept. 30, 1923, was 2,526,132, at an average cost per patient per day of \$3.19.

Money grants to hospitals in the province coming under the supervision of the Department of the Provincial Secretary are made as follows:

1. A grant is made for all patients in a hospital during the first ten years of its existence at the rate of 50c. per day, irrespective of what sum is contributed by the patients themselves.

2. After a hospital has been in existence for ten years, the grant is paid only for patients for whose maintenance \$10.50 per week or less is contributed.

3. In all cases the limit is 120 days, and if the patients remain in the hospital longer than that period, the refuge rate of 10c. per day is allowed.