

Six divisions, with a director in charge of each, carry out the work of the Department, as follows: the division of child welfare and hospital management supervises the making of maternity grants, baby clinics, home nursing, relief and hospital management; the division of communicable diseases deals with the control of these diseases and distributes sera and vaccines; the division of sanitation supervises food, water, milk and ice supplies, sewage systems, urban and rural sanitation and union hospital organization; the division of laboratories includes in its work bacteriology, pathology, chemical analyses and medico-legal work; the division of vital statistics compiles records of births, marriages and deaths, etc.; the division of venereal diseases supervises the dispensaries, free examination and treatment.

In addition to the hospitals which Saskatchewan has in common with the other provinces, mention may be made of a system known as the union hospital scheme, designed to furnish necessary hospital accommodation in rural districts. Under the provisions of the scheme, two or more municipalities may co-operate in arranging to build, equip and maintain a hospital in their district and for their residents. These smaller hospitals are not intended, of course, to furnish extensive accommodation, but they do furnish splendid accommodation for emergency or maternity cases.

7.—Hospitals, etc., in Saskatchewan, year ended April 30, 1923.

Items.	General, Maternity, Isolation and Private Hospitals.	Sanatoria for Consumptives.	Hospitals for the Insane.	Homes, Orphanages and Refuges.
Number of institutions.....	103	1	2	1
Number of patients (beginning of year).....	1,118	249	1,170	—
Admissions.....	29,144	155	529	—
Discharges.....	29,083	163	405	—
Total treatments.....	30,262	404	—	—
Number of patients (end of year).....	1,179	241	1,294	—
Staff—Doctors.....	—	—	—	—
Nurses, etc.....	—	115	122	—
Receipts—Government grants.....\$	218,534	45,005	—	—
Fees, etc.....\$	1,243,509	230,658	93,039	—
Total.....\$	1,462,043	275,663	117,727	—
Expenditure—Salaries, etc.....\$	452,487	107,827	205,339	—
Buildings and equipment.....\$	—	—	73,332	—
Total.....\$	1,445,433	276,517	699,757	—

8.—Alberta.

Public health affairs in the province of Alberta are controlled by the Department of Public Health and are under the direct administration of the Provincial Board of Health. The principal activities of this body comprise the supervision of: (1) diagnostic laboratories and distribution of biological products; (2) sanitary engineering; (3) maternal and child hygiene and public health nursing; (4) municipal hospitals; (5) preventable diseases; (6) vital statistics; (7) mental hospitals and institutions for the feeble-minded.

Comprehensive statistics of hospitals in Alberta are unfortunately available only in the case of hospitals for the insane. The annual report of the Department of Public Health of the province contains a statement by the superintendent of the provincial mental hospital, in which the number of mental defectives under treatment is shown to have increased during the year 1922 from 821 to 862; total revenues were \$19,860 and expenses \$18,954 (see Table 2).