

Of other institutions, it may be said that in 1920 there were but 8 hospitals in operation under the municipal hospitals system, with a total of 160 beds. This number had increased to 15 hospitals, with 277 beds, at Dec. 31, 1923.

The Public Accounts of Alberta for the year ended Dec. 31, 1923, show grants by the Provincial Government to hospitals and sanatoria totalling \$267,030. Grants to orphanages for the same period amounted to \$2,500, while the total expenditure of the Department of Health on various accounts was \$854,928.

9.—British Columbia.

The Provincial Board of Health of British Columbia, a branch of the Department of the Provincial Secretary, is organized in five main departments: (1) sanitary, including the inspection of logging camps, tourist camps and ships; (2) venereal disease prevention; (3) public health nursing, comprising the conduct of baby clinics, medical school inspection and other social service activities; (4) laboratory, including the distribution of vaccines and antitoxins, besides the ordinary analysis of specimens; and (5) child hygiene. A report on the vital statistics of the province is included in the annual report of the board.

Table 8 contains a summary of the more important hospital statistics of the years ended Mar. 31, 1923, for general and related hospitals and sanatoria, and 1924 for hospitals for the insane. No data are available at present with respect to refuges and orphanages. The three mental hospitals showed a total average population during the year of 1,732, maintained at a net per capita yearly cost of \$290.19, or a daily cost of \$0.79. In contrast with records of hospitals for the insane in other provinces, showing a very equal distribution of inmates between the two sexes, these institutions in British Columbia showed, on Mar. 31, 1924, a population of 1,258 males and 526 females. This proportion is noticeably greater than that existing between the sexes in the total population of the province.

8.—Hospitals, etc., in British Columbia, Mar. 31, 1923.

Items.	General and Maternity Hospitals.	Sanatoria for Consumptives.	Hospitals for the Insane. ¹	Homes, Orphanages and Refuges.
Number of institutions.....	64	1	3	-
Number of patients (beginning of year).....	1,708	193	1,787	-
Admissions.....	33,974	179	447	-
Discharges.....	33,877	149	450	-
Total days' treatment.....	651,768	70,978	-	-
Number of patients (end of year).....	1,622	223	1,784	-
Staff—Doctors.....	-	7	8	-
Nurses, etc.....	559	11	27	-
Receipts—Government grants..... \$	380,389	134,118	-	-
Fees, etc..... \$	817,580	145,702	82,396	-
Total..... \$	2,035,786	284,019	82,396	-
Expenditure—Salaries..... \$	866,825	93,773	238,420	-
Buildings and equipment..... \$	356,292	84,150	132,167	-
Total..... \$	2,001,577	284,019	585,112	-