

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 8 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 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 51 private hospitals which are not required to make detailed returns to the inspector of prisons and public charities. The number of refuges and orphanages, 106 in all, is made up of 42 refuges in cities and towns, 30 orphanages, 3 convalescent homes and 31 county houses of refuge.

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 10 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 10 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.

4. No allowance is made for infants born in hospital.

Sanatoria for consumptives may receive a grant of \$4,000 on the erection and satisfactory equipment of the necessary buildings and an amount of 75c. per day for the maintenance of each indigent patient.

6.—Hospitals in Ontario, year ended Sept. 30, 1924.

Items.	General, Maternity and Isolation Hospitals.	Sanatoria for Consump- tives.	Hospitals for the Insane. ¹	Orphanages, Refuges, etc. ²
Number of institutions.....	112	10	12	75
Number of patients (beginning of year).....	5,813	1,170	8,364	5,175
Admissions, births, etc.....	136,436	1,782	2,266	4,904
Total number receiving treatment.....	142,339	2,862	10,630	10,079
Discharges, etc.....	136,295	1,711	1,859	4,706
Number of patients (end of year).....	5,954	1,241	8,771	5,373
Staff—Doctors.....	—	—	39	—
Nurses, etc.....	—	—	1,400	—
Receipts—Government grants (provincial and muni'l) ³	\$ 1,949,175	783,383	\$ —	155,539
Fees, etc.....	\$ 4,357,355	146,452	406,069	1,328,490
Total.....	\$ 7,013,859	1,322,582	446,308	1,484,029
Expenditure—Salaries, etc.....	\$ —	—	1,148,117	—
Buildings and equipment.....	\$ 5,221,627	860,142	903,952	—
Total.....	\$ 6,971,781	1,201,098	3,072,258	1,312,068

¹Year ended Oct. 31, 1923. ²Exclusive of 31 county houses of refuge which received government grants totalling \$32,768 during the year. ³These institutions are government-owned and hence do not receive the statutory grants made to other hospitals.