

females, this proportion being noticeably greater than that existing between the sexes in the total population of the province. A further classification, moreover, of inmates according to country of birth, on the same date, shows that 33.7 p.c. were Canadian-born, 34.9 p.c. were British-born, and 31.4 p.c. were born elsewhere. The percentage of British-born (other than Canadian-born) is unusually large.

8.—Hospitals, etc., in British Columbia, March 31, 1925.

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).....		226	1,884	
Admissions.....		181	475	
Discharges.....		172	439	
Total number of persons treated.....	54,801	407	2,434	
Total days' treatment.....	789,049	80,753	-	
Number of patients (end of year).....		235	1,995	
Staff—Doctors.....	46	7	9	
Nurses, etc.....	1,849			
Receipts—Government grants.....	\$ 1,094,942	200,039	530,946	
Fees, etc.....	\$ 1,466,174	100,311	105,820	
Total.....	\$ 2,689,723	300,350	636,766	
Expenditure—Salaries.....	\$ 1,105,594	103,420	267,958	
Buildings and equipment.....	\$ 397,561	20,132	137,088	
Total.....	\$ 2,631,663	300,350	676,766	

¹ Mar. 31, 1926. ² Includes other receipts. ³ Includes other expenditure.

III.—OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES

1.—The Canadian Red Cross Society.

A brief description of the organization and activities of the Red Cross Society in Canada appeared on page 923 of the Canada Year Book, 1922-23.

2.—The Victorian Order of Nurses.

The activities of the Victorian Order of Nurses since its inception in 1897 are summarized in the Canada Year Book, 1922-23, page 923.

3.—Mothers' Allowances.

Five of the nine provinces of Canada provide for the payment of allowances to mothers who are widowed or without adequate means of support. The province of Manitoba was the first to take up the work in 1916, and the example has been followed by the other western provinces and by Ontario.

A statement regarding Mothers' Allowances, showing the numbers of beneficiaries and the scales of payments and methods of administration, was published at pp. 935-6 of the 1925 Year Book; to it the reader is referred.