

7.—Hospitals, etc., in British Columbia, March 31, 1926.

Items.	General and Maternity Hospitals.	Sanatoria for Consumptives ¹ .	Hospitals for the Insane.	Homes, Orphanages and Refuges.
Number of institutions.....	69	1	3	
Number of patients (beginning of year).....		232	1,884	
Admissions.....		136	475	
Discharges.....		145	439	
Total number of persons treated.....	59,322	368	2,434	
Total days' treatment.....	850,162	31,422	-	
Number of patients (end of year).....	-	223	1,995	
Staff—Doctors.....	53	7	9	
Nurses, etc.....	2,027	-	-	
Receipts—Government grants.....	\$ 1,219,395	241,803	530,946	
Fees, etc.....	\$ 1,620,478	66,392	105,820	
Total ²	\$ 2,958,009	308,195	636,766	
Expenditure—Salaries.....	\$ 1,242,473	111,850	267,958	
Buildings and equipment.....	\$ 389,093	56,567	137,068	
Total ³	\$ 2,828,235	308,195	676,766	

¹ Mar. 31, 1927. 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.