

service, a director of venereal clinics and two travelling tuberculosis diagnosticians.

The Chief Medical Officer, in his 11th annual report, summarizes the chief activities of the Department during the year ended Oct. 31, 1928, under the headings already given.

During the year 1927 the births numbered 10,479, the marriages 2,887 and the deaths 4,902, or 25.5, 7.0 and 11.9 per 1,000 population respectively. The death-rate from all causes fell gradually from 15.6 in 1920 to 11.9 in 1927. The infantile mortality decreased from 134.9 in 1920 to 96.0 in 1927, while maternal mortality in the latter year was 6.2 per 1,000 living births. The birth-rate was the second highest in Canada, exceeded only by that of Quebec.

In the school year 1927-8, 61,327 pupils were medically examined and 10,398 successfully vaccinated (those entering school for the first time), while 8,683 defects were found and remedied. Of those examined, about 600 were found unable to pursue their studies with ordinary success on account of mental deficiency. Twelve special schools for such deficient have been established.

A census of mental deficient of the province has been taken in 1927 and 1928, to be completed in the summer of 1929. Up to the present, 1,557 cases have been listed of all ages. The degrees of defect are:—idiots, 82; imbeciles, 289; low grade morons, 564; high grade morons, 622. Fairly full particulars of each individual are compiled.

Hospitals and Benevolent Institutions.—The latest available statistics of hospitals, sanitarium and asylums are shown in Table 4, compiled by the Chief Medical Officer of New Brunswick. There are no figures available regarding benevolent institutions such as orphanages and homes for the aged.

4.—Hospitals in New Brunswick, 1927.

Items.	General, Maternity and Isolation.	Tuberculosis.	Insane.
Total Hospitals.....	22	2	1
General.....	18	—	—
Private.....	4	—	—
Bed Capacity, total.....	772	224	760
General.....	644	—	—
Maternity.....	66	—	—
Contagious diseases.....	62	—	—
Number of patients (beginning of year).....	432	192	734
Admissions.....	12,404	367	190
Births.....	658	—	—
Discharges.....	12,024	353	100
Deaths.....	468	55	65
Number of patients (end of year).....	444	197	761 ¹
Staff—total.....	593	81	81
Doctors.....	124	5	2
Nurses, graduate and probation.....	39	32	8
Others.....	130	44	35
Revenue—total.....	\$ 516,968.65	186,807.19	127,903.86
Government grants.....	\$ 11,350.00	10,000.00	—
Municipal grants.....	\$ 260,483.60	60,778.00	96,897.00
Fees, other revenue.....	\$ 245,135.05	116,031.19	81,006.86
Expenditures—total.....	\$ 522,264.67	222,270.73	202,055.63
Salaries, etc.....	\$ 120,614.51	77,204.63	51,082.50
Buildings, equipment, supplies, etc.....	\$ 401,649.26	145,066.10	151,023.13

¹Including two patients on probation.

Subsection 4.—Quebec.

The Provincial Bureau of Health, in charge of the Provincial Secretary, administers the Public Health Act. Twenty inspectors are appointed for the 20 public health districts, their duties being divided between the education of the public