

There are eight district health officers and some 25 public health nurses in the field, and the appropriation for the work is upwards of \$750,000.

The local health work is carried on by a board of health and a medical officer of health in each of the 900 or more municipalities. Several cities have whole-time health officers, and the total local expenditure reaches nearly \$1,500,000.

Provision for the training of medical officers and of public health nurses is made by the universities of the province. A new school of hygiene in connection with the University of Toronto has been in operation since 1927. The Connaught laboratories, which are housed in the school of hygiene, afford ample supplies of the various biological products used in the prevention and cure of disease. These are supplied at low cost to the Government, which in turn distributes them free to the public.

Hospitals and Benevolent Institutions.—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 72 private hospitals which are not required to make detailed returns to the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities.

6.—Hospitals in Ontario, year ended Sept. 30, 1927.

Items.	General, Maternity and Isolation Hospitals.	Sanatoria for Consumptives.	Hospitals for the Insane. ¹	Orphanages, Refuges, etc. ²
Number of institutions.....	134	10	12	78
Number of patients (beginning of year).....	6,943	1,508	9,707	5,519
Admissions, births, etc.....	174,310	2,068	2,251	4,544
Total number receiving treatment.....	181,253	3,576	11,958	10,063
Discharges, etc.....	174,147	1,888	2,184	4,513
Number of patients (end of year).....	7,106	1,688	9,774	5,550
Staff—Doctors.....	—	—	48	—
Nurses, etc.....	—	—	1,179	—
Receipts—Government grants (provincial and municipal).....	\$ 684,478 ³	1,083,047	—	160,651 ⁴
Fees, etc.....	7,960,910	50,889	602,993	—
Total ⁵	\$ 8,645,588	1,481,653	671,001	1,658,569
Expenditure—Salaries, etc.....	—	—	1,320,204	—
Buildings and equipment.....	—	—	2,572,313	—
Total ⁶	\$ 8,162,255	1,330,329	3,892,517	1,661,763

¹Year ended Oct. 31, 1926. ²Exclusive of 31 county houses of refuge. ³These institutions are government-owned and hence do not receive the statutory grants made to other hospitals. ⁴Includes other receipts. ⁵Includes other expenditures. ⁶Provincial grant only.

In addition to the statistics given above it may be said that the total number of days' stay in hospitals and sanatoria during the year amounted to 3,158,172, at an average cost per patient per day of \$3.12. The total number of deaths was 8,751, a percentage to the total number of patients under treatment (184,829) of 4.19. The average stay of each patient was 17.1 days, this period, however, being considerably less if general hospitals alone are considered.

With regard to the hospitals for the insane, the average daily population of the 12 institutions during 1926 was 9,471. Discharges, totalling 1,010, included 428 recoveries and 509 cases of improved condition.