

8.—Hospitals, etc., in British Columbia, March 31, 1927.

Items.	General and Maternity Hospitals.	Sanatoria for Consumptives. ¹	Hospitals for the Insane.
Number of institutions.....	68	1	3
Number of patients (beginning of year).....	—	223	2,201
Admissions.....	—	160	542
Discharges.....	—	164	474
Total number of persons treated.....	57,220	383	2,743
Total days' treatment.....	894,978	77,770	—
Number of patients (end of year).....	—	219	2,269
Staff—Doctors.....	62	6	9
Nurses, etc.....	2,163	—	—
Receipts—Government grants.....	\$ 1,301,216	294,675	660,632
Fees, etc.....	\$ 1,665,724	62,262	122,544
Total.....	\$ 3,110,849	294,675	783,186
Expenditure—Salaries.....	\$ 1,389,791	119,576	305,508
Buildings and equipment.....	\$ 430,768	62,628	133,787
Total ²	\$ 3,097,711	294,675	783,186

¹Mar. 31, 1928. ²Includes other receipts, ³Includes other expenditure.

Section 3.—Other Public Health Activities.

Subsection 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.

Subsection 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.

Subsection 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.