

Numbers and Types of Hospitals and Charitable Institutions in Canada.

—An attempt has been made to bring together in tabular form certain statistics of the number of institutions in the Dominion concerned with the health of the community or carried on as the result of benevolent effort. It is, of course, highly desirable that not only the mere data of numbers but also those relating to inmates, staff, finances, etc., should be similarly collated for the country as a whole. This, however, is for the present impossible, owing, in some cases, to the incomparability of statistics published by the various Provinces and in others to the scarcity or absence of published information. The matter made available, however, is given in as complete and concise a form as possible under the provincial headings below.

Table 1 is designed to show the numbers of institutions in Canada, by provinces, for the provincial fiscal years 1927 or 1928, according as the statistics for the respective provinces are available.

1.—Number of Public Hospitals and Benevolent Institutions in Canada.

NOTE.—The latest available figures are given. The fiscal years of the various Provinces are as follows:—Prince Edward Island, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31; Nova Scotia, Oct. 1 to Sept. 30; New Brunswick and Ontario, Nov. 1 to Oct. 31; Quebec, July 1 to June 30; Saskatchewan and Manitoba, May 1 to April 30; and British Columbia and Alberta, April 1 to Mar. 31.

Types.	P.E. Island. ²	Nova Scotia. ¹	New Brunswick. ²	Quebec. ²	Ontario. ²	Manitoba. ²	Saskatchewan. ²	Alberta. ¹	British Columbia. ¹
General Hospitals.....	3	20	19	67	135	33	69	8	68
Maternity Hospitals.....	—	1	10		68	10		68	
Private Hospitals.....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—
Isolation Hospitals.....	—	—	—	10	10	2	2	2	1
Tuberculosis Sanatoria.....	—	1	2	7	12	3	2	3	3
Hospitals for the Insane..	1	20 ³	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Homes for Infirm.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Homes for Incurables.....	—	—	—	122	6	1	—	—	—
Orphanages.....	3	18 ³	1	—	75	—	—	—	1
Homes of Refuge.....	—	21 ³	2	—	31	—	1	—	—
Leper Stations.....	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1

¹1927. ²1928.

³Refuges and orphanages are also hospitals for the insane in some cases.

A summary of the various types of hospitals in Canada, with their accommodation for patients, taken from a Directory of Hospitals recently published by the Department of Pensions and National Health, is given as Table 2.

2.—Summary of Canadian Hospitals and Beds, 1929.

Type of Institution.	Number of Hospitals.	Number of Beds.
Public General hospitals (including General Pædiatric and Red Cross).....	481	32,218
Tuberculosis institutions.....	31	5,655
Pædiatric accommodation in general hospitals.....	246	3,119 ¹
General Pædiatric hospitals.....	14	909
Orthopædic hospitals.....	12	512
Total beds for pædiatric and orthopædic.....	—	4,271
Public maternity hospitals (accepting maternity only).....	9	643
Public maternity hospitals (including those maternity hospitals accepting gynecology or surgery and the Montreal Maternity Hospital).....	16	1,076
Maternity accommodation in general public hospitals as listed in Part I (estimated from returns).....	—	4,636
Maternity beds in private hospitals (as reported).....	—	761
Total maternity accommodation (estimated).....	—	6,000 ¹
Department of Pensions and National Health ("Contract" hospitals not included).....	16	3,614