

showed, on Mar. 31, 1929, a population of 1,599 males and 748 females, this disproportion being noticeably greater than that existing between the sexes in the total population of the province. A further classification, moreover, of inmates according to country of birth, shows that 33.3 p.c. were Canadian-born, 38.7 p.c. British-born, and 27.8 p.c. were born elsewhere. The percentage of British-born (other than Canadian-born) is unusually large.

### 9.—Hospitals, etc., in British Columbia, 1928-1929.

Items.	General and Maternity Hospitals. <sup>1</sup>	Sanatorium for Consumptives, <sup>2</sup>	Hospitals for the Insane. <sup>2</sup>
Number of institutions.....	68	1	3
Number of patients (beginning of year).....	-	219	2,269
Admissions.....	-	215	543
Discharges.....	-	165	272
Total number of persons treated.....	62,335	434	2,914
Total days' treatment.....	971,977	78,225	-
Number of patients (end of year).....	-	269	2,347
Staff—Doctors.....	55	6	-
Nurses, etc.....	2,331	-	-
Receipts—Government grants.....	\$ 1,378,037	242,647	730,991
Fees, etc.....	\$ 1,761,517	56,975	132,239
Total <sup>3</sup> .....	\$ 3,287,962	299,622	863,230
Expenditure—Salaries.....	\$ 1,481,883	129,152	335,270
Buildings and equipment.....	\$ 439,623	67,942	147,893
Total <sup>4</sup> .....	\$ 3,265,525	299,622	863,230

<sup>1</sup>Calendar year 1928.

<sup>2</sup>Mar. 31, 1929.

<sup>3</sup>Includes other receipts.

<sup>4</sup>Includes 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 p. 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, p. 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. 935-936 of the 1925 Year Book.