

hospitals; lazarettos for the segregation and treatment of persons afflicted with leprosy; hospitals for the treatment of mental and nervous diseases which are, generally speaking, maintained by the provinces, whilst the care of persons suffering from communicable diseases is the responsibility of the various municipalities.

There are also a limited number of hospitals under Dominion Government administration, e.g., those in connection with ex-service men, military forces, marine, quarantine and immigration.

The modern hospital is at once a battlefield between life and death, an institution for the practice of medicine and surgery and, viewed broadly, a financial enterprise which exceeds in magnitude many nation-wide industries. There has been a remarkable growth of public interest in the work of our hospitals in recent years and hospital statistics have become a necessity to the study of certain branches of present-day social economics.

The 1931 Census of Institutions comprises all hospitals, sanatoria, and out-patient departments devoted exclusively to the care of the sick and to the treatment of disease. Three schedules were sent out to all hospitals in Canada, comprising questionnaires under three main heads, *viz.*, general information, movement of patient population, and financial reports. Figures regarding the number of pay and free patients in hospitals and other important data concerning maintenance costs, capital invested, medical staff, salaries and wages, are not yet available for the whole of Canada. The following table gives uniform statistics for different classes of public hospitals, by provinces.

2.—Canadian General Hospital Statistics, by Provinces, as at June 1, 1931, with Movement of Hospital Population and Financial Statistics for the calendar year 1930.

Province and Item.	General Public Hospitals.	T. B. Hospitals.	Province and Item.	General Public Hospitals.
Prince Edward Island.¹	No.	1	Yukon and Northwest Territories.¹	No.
Hospitals, by type.....	3	—	Hospitals, by type.....	8
Training schools.....	3	—	Training schools.....	—
Staff (June 1, 1931)—			Staff (June 1, 1931)—	
Doctors.....	1	1	Doctors.....	3
Internes.....	2	—	Internes.....	—
Graduate nurses.....	13	5	Graduate nurses.....	15
Pupil nurses in training.....	56	—	Pupil nurses in training.....	—
Hospitals with—			Hospitals with—	
X-Ray Department.....	3	1	X-Ray Department.....	2
Clinical Laboratory.....	3	1	Clinical Laboratory.....	2
Physical Therapy Department.....	2	—	Physical Therapy Department.....	—
Movement of Population (during 1930)—			Movement of Population (during 1930).	
Under treatment Jan. 1.....	120		Under treatment Jan. 1.....	43
Admitted during year.....	3,115		Admitted during year.....	439
Births.....	395		Births.....	29
Discharges.....	3,389		Discharges.....	486
Deaths.....	122		Deaths.....	32
Under treatment Dec. 31.....	119		Under treatment Dec. 31.....	43
Collective stay of all patients (hosp. days).....	42,579		Collective stay of all patients (hosp. days).....	15,060
Receipts (during 1930)—			Receipts (during 1930)—	
Government and municipal grants.....	\$ 8,200		Government and municipal grants.....	\$ 29,233
Fees of inmates.....	\$ 100,050		Fees of inmates.....	\$ 23,462
Total Receipts².....	\$ 135,790		Total Receipts².....	\$ 55,047
Disbursements—Maintenance (during 1930)—			Disbursements—Maintenance (during 1930)—	
Salaries, etc.....	\$ 30,752		Salaries, etc.....	\$ 20,938
Provisions.....	\$ 36,755		Provisions.....	\$ 15,865
Fuel, light, power and water.....	\$ 12,658		Fuel, light, power and water.....	\$ 8,271
Total Maintenance Expenses².....	\$ 111,795		Total Maintenance Expenses².....	\$ 51,669

¹ For Prince Edward Island, and Yukon and Northwest Territories information under other headings is not available.

² Include all other receipts or expenses.