

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 total number of hospitals, other than mental hospitals and homes for incurables, in operation in Canada during 1931 was 801, of which 454 were general public, 157 general private, 43 Red Cross, 36 Dominion, 31 tuberculosis, 14 Salvation Army, 19 isolation and 47 other (special).<sup>1</sup>

Summary statistics of the hospitals of the Dominion other than mental hospitals and homes for incurables, are presented for 1931 in Table 1, while the bed capacity of the hospitals in each province is given in Table 2, and detailed statistics of staff and patients, receipts and expenditures are shown by provinces in Table 3.

**1.—Summary Statistics of Hospitals in Canada, not including Mental Hospitals and Hospitals and Homes for Incurables, 1931.**

Item.	General Public.	All Other.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.
Numbers of hospitals.....	454	347	801
Bed capacities.....	35,651	16,378	52,029
Patients admitted.....	505,655	86,747	592,402
Collective stays of patients in days, (exclusive of infants born in hospitals).....	7,527,251	3,882,053	11,409,304
Deaths in hospitals.....	23,941	3,624	27,565

The total hospital receipts for 1931, of the hospitals included in the above table were \$41,164,135, of which \$33,616,574 was classified as maintenance receipts, including Government and municipal grants amounting to \$14,204,810, patients' fees amounting to \$16,096,583 and receipts from other sources, \$3,315,181.

Expenditures for these hospitals, including those for maintenance and improvement, amounted to \$44,691,305 in 1931, of which \$34,198,010 was classified as expenditures for maintenance. These figures included salaries and wages \$13,995,432, provisions \$7,655,764, fuel, power, light and water \$3,023,994, and other expenditures for maintenance \$9,522,820.

<sup>1</sup>A complete list of all hospitals in Canada giving name, location, type, bed accommodation, etc. will be found in the new Hospital Directory for Canada, 1932, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.