

**Out-Patient Departments.**—Out-patient departments, or clinics, are operated independently or in connection with hospitals, medical colleges, universities, or other institutions. The dispensary or clinic in connection with a hospital is generally the out-patient department treating patients who do not occupy beds in the hospital. Sometimes, however, the out-patient department is distinct from the hospital proper and is a separate institution with its own staff, etc. The extension of out-patient services to patients of modest means has far-reaching and beneficial effects. It may replace admission to a hospital, or may serve to secure necessary and beneficial hospitalization. As a general rule, out-patient departments are subsidized from the funds of the general hospital and separate records are not kept. Until a uniform system of accounting is adopted, it will not be possible to give the average cost per patient.

Table 4 gives the hospitals of each class operating public out-patient departments in Canada, by provinces, 1935.

#### 4.—Public Hospitals Operating Out-Patient Departments, 1935.

(Not including government or municipal clinics held in hospitals.)

Province and Class of Hospital.	Total Out-Patient Departments.	Both Patients and Treatments Reported.			Patients only Reported.		Treatments only Reported.	
		No. Re- porting.	Patients.	Treat- ments.	No. Re- porting.	Patients.	No. Re- porting.	Treat- ments.
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>80</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>321,023</b>	<b>1,272,790</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>187,279</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>471,519</b>
General.....	58	37	316,316	1,223,873	11	102,066	10	332,768
Women's.....	4	—	—	—	3	21,525	1	23,217
Pædiatric.....	7	2	289	932	3	55,617	2	105,564
Tuberculosis.....	10	3	1,070	4,728	3	8,071	4	9,970
Other.....	1	1	3,348	43,257	—	—	—	—
<b>Nova Scotia</b> .....	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>2,178</b>	—	—	—	—
General.....	1	1	957	2,178	—	—	—	—
<b>New Brunswick</b> .....	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>26,357</b>	—	—	—	—
General.....	2	2	8,492	26,357	—	—	—	—
<b>Quebec</b> .....	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>208,763</b>	<b>772,971</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>156,345</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17,238</b>
General.....	22	17	205,153	728,923	3	90,521	2	17,238
Women's.....	1	—	—	—	1	11,009	—	—
Pædiatric.....	3	1	262	791	2	54,815	—	—
Other.....	1	1	3,348	43,257	—	—	—	—
<b>Ontario</b> .....	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>72,885</b>	<b>401,619</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20,886</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>374,019</b>
General.....	13	9	71,815	396,891	2	4,745	2	260,739
Women's.....	3	—	—	—	2	10,516	1	23,217
Pædiatric.....	2	—	—	—	1	802	1	86,817
Tuberculosis.....	5	3	1,070	4,728	1	4,823	1	3,246
<b>Manitoba</b> .....	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22,838</b>	<b>38,643</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28,877</b>
General.....	7	4	22,838	38,643	1	1,162	2	4,083
Pædiatric.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	18,747
Tuberculosis.....	3	—	—	—	1	709	2	6,047
<b>Saskatchewan</b> .....	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,257</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>677</b>
General.....	2	1	703	1,610	1	718	—	—
Tuberculosis.....	2	—	—	—	1	2,539	1	677
<b>Alberta</b> .....	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6,027</b>	<b>29,039</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>945</b>	—	—
General.....	4	2	6,000	28,898	2	945	—	—
Pædiatric.....	1	1	27	141	—	—	—	—
<b>British Columbia</b> .....	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3,321</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50,708</b>
General.....	6	1	358	373	1	3,321	4	50,708
<b>N.W.T.</b> .....	<b>1</b>	—	—	—	<b>1</b>	<b>654</b>	—	—
General.....	1	—	—	—	1	654	—	—