

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, 1936. The statistics are rendered more complicated than is desirable because of lack of uniformity in the method of reporting patients and treatments. The majority of hospitals report both patients and treatments, but a considerable number report either patients or treatments, but not both.

4.—Public Hospitals Operating Out-Patient Departments, 1936.

NOTE.—Figures of government and municipal clinics held in hospitals are not included.

Province and Class of Hospital.	Total Out-Patient Departments.	Both Patients and Treatments Reported.			Patients only Reported.		Treatments only Reported.	
		No. Re-reporting.	Patients.	Treatments.	No. Re-reporting.	Patients.	No. Re-reporting.	Treatments.
Canada	73	41	202,671	751,013	13	155,520	19	868,305
General.....	53	32	173,024	645,244	6	89,508	15	833,273
Women's.....	4	1	825	1,981	2	19,188	1	24,055
Pædiatric.....	7	4	24,671	90,522	3	37,607	Nil	—
Tuberculosis.....	9	4	4,151	13,266	2	9,117	3	10,977
Other.....	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nova Scotia	1	Nil	—	—	1	6,504	Nil	—
General.....	1	Nil	—	—	1	6,504	Nil	—
New Brunswick	2	2	10,111	30,788	Nil	—	Nil	—
General.....	2	2	10,111	30,788	Nil	—	Nil	—
Quebec	26	15	105,121	347,923	5	118,738	6	326,642
General.....	22	14	104,881	347,160	2	69,654	6	326,642
Women's.....	1	—	—	—	1	12,129	—	—
Pædiatric.....	3	1	240	783	2	36,955	—	—
Other.....	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ontario	24	14	63,525	240,906	4	24,709	6	427,306
General.....	13	8	38,133	161,661	1	11,054	4	399,765
Women's.....	3	1	825	1,981	1	7,059	1	24,055
Pædiatric.....	2	1	20,416	63,998	1	652	Nil	—
Tuberculosis.....	6	4	4,151	13,266	1	5,944	1	3,486
Manitoba	9	4	8,816	42,811	Nil	—	5	53,604
General.....	6	3	4,842	17,226	Nil	—	3	46,113
Pædiatric.....	1	1	3,974	25,585	Nil	—	Nil	—
Tuberculosis.....	2	Nil	—	—	Nil	—	2	7,491
Saskatchewan	3	1	764	1,672	2	3,818	Nil	—
General.....	2	1	764	1,672	1	645	Nil	—
Tuberculosis.....	1	Nil	—	—	1	3,173	Nil	—
Alberta	3	3	10,299	80,892	Nil	—	Nil	—
General.....	2	2	10,258	80,716	Nil	—	Nil	—
Pædiatric.....	1	1	41	176	Nil	—	Nil	—
British Columbia	5	2	4,035	6,021	1	1,651	2	60,753
General.....	5	2	4,035	6,021	1	1,651	2	60,753
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General.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

¹ No report.