

Subsection 2.—Statistics of Mental Hospitals.

The Census of Mental Institutions of Canada for June 1, 1931, gave the number of patients in all mental institutions as 31,686, of whom 24,188 were insane, 7,006 mentally deficient, and 492 epileptic. The number of patients in mental institutions per 100,000 of the general population was 305.4 on June 1, 1931, 316.5 on Dec. 31, 1932, 324.9 on Dec. 31, 1933, 335.6 on Dec. 31, 1934, 348.2 on Dec. 31, 1935, and 359.5 on Dec. 31, 1936.

At Dec. 31, 1937, there were 41,677 patients in mental institutions in Canada, and 3,054 on parole, making a total of 44,731, whereas the normal bed capacity was only 37,798, showing a seriously overcrowded situation over a period when the patient population on Jan. 1, 1937, and the admissions and separations during the year are considered. This overcrowded condition is specially marked in British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec. Of the 41,677 resident patients in 1937, 32,678 were insane, 8,159 were mentally deficient, 595 were epileptic, and 245 mental cases were otherwise classified. The patients per 100,000 of population at the end of the year were 373.0. Table 6 gives general statistics of mental institutions for 1937.

6.—Statistics of Capacity, Staff, Movement of Population, and Finances of Mental Institutions in Canada, by Provinces, 1937.

Item.	Prince Edward Island.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Quebec.	Ontario.
Institutions reporting.....No.	1	16	1	9	16
Normal capacities.....	275	2,186	1,025	11,574	13,303
Staff—					
Doctors, full-time.....	3	4	5	51	113
Doctors, part-time.....	Nil	16	1	17	30
Graduate nurses.....	8	36	20	228	636
Other nurses.....	11	71	Nil	399	279
Totals, Staff¹.....	70	359	188	2,451	2,863
Movement of Population—					
Admissions.....	91	537	323	3,268	4,354
Totals, under Treatment.....	351	2,579	1,494	16,265	19,214
Separations.....	87	436	209	2,835	3,884
Receipts—					
Government and municipal payments..... \$	112,829	552,592	320,398	3,104,238	3,228,612
Fees from paying patients..... \$	9,606	13,370	39,004	423,223	1,276,079
Received from other sources..... \$	478	1,862	115,324	386,648	326,087
Totals, Receipts..... \$	122,913	567,824	374,726	3,914,109	4,830,778
Expenditures—					
Salaries..... \$	43,533	216,610	91,591	1,274,337	2,594,186
Provisions..... \$	30,859	160,501	88,393	867,800	954,284
All other expenditures for maintenance..... \$	48,520	166,859	129,742	1,175,077	1,124,091
Totals, Expenditures for Maintenance \$	122,913	543,970	309,726	3,316,714	4,673,171
New buildings and improvements..... \$	Nil	20,673	65,000	389,406	76,795
Expenditures for other purposes..... \$	"	1,374	Nil	249,101	16,249
Totals, Expenditures..... \$	122,913	566,017	374,726	3,955,221	4,766,215

For footnotes, see end of table, p. 1045.