Hospitals under the Department of Veterans Affairs.—Previous to the organization of the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1944, veterans hospitals were administered by the Department of Pensions and National Health. The bed capacities of such hospitals have been greatly increased since casualties of the present war have begun to require care and the program of expansion will continue for some time. Tables 6, 7 and 8 show the position as at Mar. 31, 1945.

In order to provide maximum facilities and make fullest use of the limited number of highly trained specialists in the various fields, Special Treatment Centres have been functioning in many Departmental Hospitals. These services cover such specialties as orthopædic surgery, plastic surgery and neuro-surgery. In addition, Special Treatment Centres have been set up in the fields of arthritis, neuro-psychiatry and tuberculosis.

6.—Hospital Accommodation in Institutions Administered by the Department o Veterans Affairs, by Districts and Provinces, as at Mar. 31, 1945

District or Province	Hospitals	Normal Capacity	Temporary Beds	Total Capacity	Beds Occupied Mar. 31, 1945
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
District—		4 000			
Montreal	1	1,022	138	1,160	972
Halifax	2 3	674 490	Nil 9	683	493
Ottawa	0 5	1,664	111	490 1,775	185 1,508
Toronto	ĭ	1,424	131	1,555	1,106
Winnipeg	2	665	106	771	689
Calgary	1	415	7	422	256
Edmonton	3	433	Nil	433	202
Vancouver	2	862	65	927	757
Quebec	1	212	Nil	212	137
Saint John	1	423		423	363
Totals	22	8,284	567	8,851	6,668
Province—					
Nova Scotia	2	674	9	683	493
New Brunswick	1	423	Nil	423	363
Quebec	2	1,234	138	1,372	1,109
Ontario	9	3,578	242	3,820	2,799
Manitoba	2	665 848	106	771 855	689 458
AlbertaBritish Columbia	4 2	848 862	65	800 927	757

7.—Prospective Hospital Accommodation Planned by the Department of Veterans Affairs, as at Mar. 31, 1945

District	Project	Bed Capacity	Estimated Date of Completion
Montreal	Mental Infirmary (Ste. Annes). Nurses residence. Health and Occupational Centre. Currie Hospital.	250 400 650	July 1945 June 1946 Aug. 1945 July 1946
Halifax	Camp Hill (new hospital)	250 100 100	Jan. 1946 Apr. 1945 June 1946
Ottawa	Health and Occupational Centre (addition). Veterans Pavilion (Kingston General). Veterans Pavilion (Hotel Dieu, Kingston). Veterans Hospital (Peterborough).	80 50	May 1945 July 1946 July 1946 Apr. 1945