

In the present edition of the Year Book statistics of the hospitals administered by this Department, only, are presented in detail, but an endeavor will be made to compile tables covering the other Departments and link up with the series given in the 1939 Year Book, pp. 1041-43. During the intervening years, many changes and transfers of jurisdiction have taken place.

Hospitals Under the Department of Veterans Affairs.—During the calendar year 1946 accommodation in hospitals operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs was increased by the taking over of 15 former Service hospitals with a normal capacity of 4,315 beds. In addition, new construction and alterations, which had been delayed by shortages of materials and other factors, provided extra wings to Departmental hospitals, as well as an active convalescent hospital and Veterans Homes. The first wing of the 1,550-bed Sunnybrook Hospital near Toronto was taken into use. As the patient load declines commencing in the spring of 1947 and as new construction is completed, former Service hospitals will be released. New construction is expected to provide an additional 1,675 beds within six months and another 1,700 beds within twelve months, while an additional 600 beds will be available at a later date.

7.—Hospital Accommodation in Departmental Institutions, by Districts and Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1946

| District and Province | Hospitals | Normal Capacity | Actual Beds Set Up | Beds Occupied Dec. 31, 1946 |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| District— | | | | |
| Montreal..... | 5 | 2,302 | 2,372 | 1,919 |
| Halifax..... | 4 | 1,178 | 1,108 | 616 |
| Ottawa..... | 3 | 685 | 629 | 417 |
| Toronto..... | 8 | 2,802 | 2,529 | 1,839 |
| Quebec..... | 2 | 512 | 496 | 431 |
| London..... | 3 | 2,024 | 2,064 | 1,333 |
| Winnipeg..... | 4 | 1,613 | 1,719 | 861 |
| Regina..... | 2 | 236 | 224 | 198 |
| Calgary..... | 3 | 506 | 511 | 426 |
| Vancouver..... | 3 | 1,984 | 1,453 | 1,092 |
| Saint John..... | 3 | 653 | 581 | 456 |
| Hamilton..... | 1 | 200 | 175 | 132 |
| Edmonton..... | 2 | 433 | 400 | 304 |
| Saskatoon..... | 1 | 150 | 162 | 140 |
| Kingston..... | 2 | 445 | 568 | 243 |
| Totals..... | 46 | 15,723 | 14,991 | 10,407 |
| Province— | | | | |
| Nova Scotia..... | 4 | 1,178 | 1,108 | 616 |
| New Brunswick..... | 3 | 653 | 581 | 456 |
| Quebec..... | 7 | 2,814 | 2,868 | 2,350 |
| Ontario..... | 17 | 6,156 | 5,965 | 3,964 |
| Manitoba..... | 4 | 1,613 | 1,719 | 861 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 3 | 386 | 386 | 338 |
| Alberta..... | 5 | 939 | 911 | 730 |
| British Columbia..... | 3 | 1,984 | 1,453 | 1,092 |

The four main types of treatment institutions operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs are as follows, the number in brackets representing the number of each in operation at Dec. 31, 1946: (a) Active Treatment (23); (b) Active Convalescence (6); (c) Special Treatment Centres (10); (d) Veterans Homes (7). Active Treatment hospitals provide treatment for general, medical and surgical