

## 15.—Summary Statistics of Federal Government Hospitals, 1952

Item	Department of Veterans Affairs	Department of National Defence	Department of National Health and Welfare		Total
	No.	No.	Indian Health Services	Quarantine and Sick Mariners	
Hospitals reporting <sup>1</sup> .....	18	8	10	6	42
<b>Beds—</b>					
General.....	7,151	850	348	128	8,477
Tuberculosis.....	406	—	17	175	598
Mental.....	1,550	—	—	—	1,550
Other.....	667	—	—	34	701
<b>Totals, Beds.....</b>	<b>9,774</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>11,326</b>
<b>Personnel—</b>					
Salaried doctors.....	115	52	16	9	192
Graduate nurses.....	1,533	121	49	51	1,754
Other personnel.....	7,166	347	92	108	7,713
<b>Totals, Personnel.....</b>	<b>8,814</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>9,659</b>
<b>Facilities—</b>					
Laboratory.....	13	8	7	3	31
Radiology.....	14	8	6	1	29
Physiotherapy.....	17	8	1	2	28
Out-patient service.....	12	8	10	3	33
<b>Movement of Patients—</b>					
In hospital at beginning of year.....	7,445	279	227	206	8,157
Admissions.....	50,543	13,528	5,450	1,507	71,028
<b>Totals under care.....</b>	<b>57,988</b>	<b>13,807</b>	<b>5,677</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>79,185</b>
Discharges.....	49,054	13,508	5,345	1,473	69,380
Deaths.....	1,907	9	132	30	2,078
In hospital at end of year.....	7,027	290	200	210	7,727
Live births during year.....	—	—	668	—	668
Patient days during year.....	2,849,933	172,852	158,480	77,717	3,258,982
Average daily number of patients.....	7,786.7	472.2	433.0	212.3	8,904.3
Percentage occupancy.....	79.7	55.6	118.6	63.0	78.6

<sup>1</sup> Excludes one Veterans Affairs hospital and nine Indian Health Services hospitals primarily or solely operated for the treatment of tuberculosis.

## PART II.—PUBLIC WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY\*

Responsibility for social welfare in Canada has rested in large part on the provinces which, in turn, have delegated an important share of this responsibility to the municipalities. While constitutional authority has not changed, except with respect to unemployment insurance and old age pensions, the financial participation of the Federal Government has been greatly extended in the past two decades in the provision of income maintenance payments.

The creation of the Department of National Health and Welfare in 1944 established for the first time in the Federal Government a department in which public welfare is a major responsibility. The Department is charged with the administration of federal Acts relating to welfare which are not assigned by law

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