

Subsection 2.—Health Institutions*

Hospitals in Canada could have accommodated one in every hundred Canadians at the end of 1953. The 151,485 beds, their gross capacity, were distributed among 1,143 hospitals according to figures reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.† In addition to those actually reporting to the Bureau there were 45 public hospitals with a capacity of 3,466 beds and 93 private hospitals with a capacity of about 1,500, so that the grand total of all known hospitals in the country was 1,281, with space for about 156,500 beds exclusive of bassinets for newborn infants. These hospitals may conveniently be classified into three categories according to admission policy: public, which admit any patient; private, which admit only paying patients; and federal, which treat special groups. They may also be classified into four categories according to the type of condition treated: general, treating basically all forms of physical illness; special, treating particular types of illness such as chronic conditions or communicable diseases; mental, treating psychiatric disorders; and tuberculosis sanatoria.

Table 11 cross-classifies these two sets of characteristics in each province, showing the number of hospitals and their capacity in each classification. The table excludes the above mentioned non-reporting hospitals and also excludes bassinets. It will be observed that Ontario had the greatest number of hospitals, followed in order by Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Table 12 presents summary statistics for 1949 to 1953 of public and private general and special hospitals.

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† More detailed information may be found in DBS publications: *Hospital Statistics 1953*, Vols. I and II; *Mental Health Statistics 1954* and *Financial Supplement*; *Tuberculosis Statistics 1954* and *Financial Supplement*.

11.—Hospitals Reporting and Bed Capacity (excluding Bassinets) by Type of Hospital and Type of Service by Province 1953

Province and Type	General		Special		Mental		Tuberculosis		All Hospitals	
	No.	Beds	No.	Beds	No.	Beds	No.	Beds	No.	Beds
Newfoundland	27	1,598	2	129	1	526	2	622	32	2,875
Public.....	27	1,598	2	129	1	526	2	622	32	2,875
Private.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Federal.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Edward Island ..	7	633	—	—	1	300	1	150	9	1,083
Public.....	7	633	—	—	1	300	1	150	9	1,083
Private.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Federal.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nova Scotia	49	4,228	5	140	17	3,042	5	866	76	8,276
Public.....	43	3,298	3	132	17	3,042	4	851	67	7,323
Private.....	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	15	2	16
Federal.....	6	930	1	7	—	—	—	—	7	937
New Brunswick	34	2,624	4	124	1	910	5	867	44	4,525
Public.....	30	2,094	2	105	1	910	5	867	38	3,976
Private.....	2	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	55
Federal.....	2	475	2	19	—	—	—	—	4	494