

teaching in medicine and surgery, and the majority are approved also for advanced post-graduate training in the various specialties. An intern-resident program is in effect; at the end of March 1960, 272 residents and interns were in training, together with 194 interns in occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology, laboratory, and medical social services.

During the fiscal year 1959-60 about 90 projects were in progress in the Clinical Research Program. The program is varied but in the main deals with conditions affecting aging, which the Department is in a unique position to investigate. Self-contained Clinical Investigation Units have been set up in active treatment hospitals located at Montreal, Toronto, London, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

During the year ended Mar. 31, 1960, 26 departmental employees attended courses assisted fully or partly by the research and education vote. At the end of the year, one school for nursing assistants remained in operation. This school, at Camp Hill Hospital in Halifax, has an annual capacity of 70 graduates who are offered employment in departmental hospitals across Canada.

Departmental hospitals provide base hospital facilities for the treatment of members of the Armed Forces. The Ste. Foy Hospital near Quebec City and Sunnybrook Hospital at Toronto have self-contained units but in other institutions there is a close integration of patients. The units are staffed by Armed Service personnel and utilize the ancillary services of the hospital. They also provide training facilities for members of the medical services of the Armed Forces.

Progress continues to be made toward the provision of a nation-wide chain of modern fire-resistant institutions through replacement of obsolete accommodation. Patient-load for the year ended Mar. 31, 1960, was as follows:—

<u>Item</u>	<u>No.</u>
Patients in departmental hospitals at Mar. 31.....	7,705
Patients in other hospitals at Mar. 31.....	2,312
Out-patients on strength at Mar. 31.....	427
<b>TOTAL PATIENTS AT MAR. 31.....</b>	<b>10,444</b>
Admissions to departmental hospitals during year.....	52,375
Admissions to other hospitals during year.....	20,614
Admissions to out-patient strength during year.....	1,924
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS DURING YEAR.....</b>	<b>74,913</b>
Patient-days in departmental hospitals.....	2,694,271
Patient-days in other hospitals.....	889,642 <sup>1</sup>
<b>TOTAL PATIENT-DAYS.....</b>	<b>3,583,913</b>

<sup>1</sup> Does not include any stay attributed to patients on out-patient strength.

Under the federal-provincial hospital insurance program, DVA hospitals in the participating provinces are recognized for the provision of insured services to veterans. Arrangements have been made for the payment of any necessary premiums on behalf of veterans who are in receipt of War Veterans Allowances. The Veterans Treatment Regulations remain the authority for the treatment of veterans (and others) in DVA institutions and elsewhere under departmental responsibility, regardless of whether or not the hospitalization is at the expense of the insurance plan.

**Dental Services.**—Dental treatment is provided for those pensioned veterans whose disability would be alleviated by such treatment, for War Veterans Allowance recipients, and for other persons whose health care is the responsibility of the Department, such as Royal Canadian Mounted Police personnel and members of the Canadian Forces. Treatment is also provided at the request of other governments.