

Although 1959 information on numbers of hospitals operating in Canada and their bed capacities was available at the time of going to press, details for that year regarding movement of patients, patient-days, hospital facilities, personnel and finances had not yet been compiled. Only Table 4 showing movement of patients and patient-days for the period 1954-58, and Table 5 showing 1958 revenues and expenditures of reporting public hospitals in the different provinces, as given in the 1960 Year Book, are repeated here; 1959 figures when available will appear in bulletin form (see footnote, p. 255).

Table 4 shows the changing pattern of hospital utilization over the 1954-58 period. The absolute number of admissions increased by 23.6 p.c. but the ratio per 100,000 population increased by 10.8 p.c. Year-by-year gains, however, proceeded at a declining rate during the five-year period because of downward trends in numbers of admissions to tuberculosis sanatoria, maternity hospitals and "other" hospitals (special hospitals not specified as to type of service). Concurrently with the 23.6 p.c. rise in admissions, patient-days increased by only 10.9 p.c., indicating a shorter average length of stay per patient in 1958 than in 1954. The number of patients in hospital at year-end per 100,000 population remained remarkably constant over the period—938 on Dec. 31, 1954 and 932 on Dec. 31, 1958. Despite the over-all ratio (in rated-capacity terms) of 16 general hospital beds to every 10 beds in mental institutions, there was a difference of less than 10 p.c. between the number of patients in reporting general hospitals (70,649) and the number in mental institutions (64,188) on Dec. 31, 1958.

#### 4.—Movement of Patients and Patient-Days of Reporting Public, Private and Federal Hospitals, by Type, 1954-58

Type of Service and Item	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
<b>PUBLIC HOSPITALS</b>					
<b>General—</b>					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	762	781	796	820	833
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals... p.c.	96.0	96.7	97.0	98.4	98.2
Admissions <sup>1</sup> ..... No.	2,205,335	2,394,777	2,548,389	2,675,400	2,764,214
Per 100,000 population..... "	14,426	15,255	15,847	16,128	16,214
Discharges and deaths..... "	2,204,207	2,392,900	2,547,715	2,673,034	2,760,932
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	50,185	54,181	55,836	58,359	62,561
Per 100,000 population..... "	328	345	347	352	367
Patient-days..... "	21,198,597	22,728,944	24,113,477	24,910,797	25,752,916
<b>Chronic and Convalescent—</b>					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	34	46	46	51	63
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals... p.c.	75.6	88.5	86.8	85.0	82.9
Admissions <sup>1</sup> ..... No.	8,051	10,821	10,323	10,297	10,941
Per 100,000 population..... "	53	69	64	62	64
Discharges and deaths..... "	7,900	10,577	9,748	9,980	10,002
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	6,500	6,939	7,402	7,898	9,131
Per 100,000 population..... "	43	44	46	48	54
<b>Maternity—</b>					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	13	17	17	12	11
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals... p.c.	86.7	94.4	94.4	92.3	78.6
Admissions <sup>1</sup> ..... No.	30,528	28,936	24,715	25,695	24,114
Per 100,000 population..... "	200	184	154	155	141
Discharges and deaths..... "	30,507	29,052	24,681	25,716	24,118
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	747	647	460	443	432
Per 100,000 population..... "	5	4	3	3	3
<b>Mental—<sup>2</sup></b>					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	73	70	71	72	71
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals... p.c.	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Admissions <sup>1</sup> ..... No.	20,734	23,374	23,601	26,133	27,238
Per 100,000 population..... "	136	149	147	158	160
Discharges and deaths..... "	18,778	21,236	22,089	24,821	26,172
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	59,985	61,264	62,590	63,318	63,861
Per 100,000 population..... "	392	390	389	382	375
Patient-days..... "	22,205,028	22,824,487	23,269,402	3,393,648	23,942,562

For footnotes, see end of table, p. 261.