Hospital Insurance

A federal-provincial hospital insurance plan has been adopted by each of the ten Canadian provinces. Under this arrangement, the Federal Government pays approximately one half of the cost of hospitalization for patients who are participants under the plan. The provinces meet the remainder of the cost. Provincial revenues for this purpose are raised by various means. The Province of Quebec has increased its personal and corporation income tax. Certain provinces require the deduction of a monthly premium from the wages of their residents as a contribution or premium for the plan. In such provinces non-salaried people must also pay the premium directly if they wish to be covered by the plan. In some other provinces the proceeds of a retail sales tax are earmarked in whole or in part for the support of the hospital plan. See also pp. 288-291.

Section 3.—Federal Government Finance

Subsection 1 of this Section contains financial statistics of the Federal Government prepared as far as possible in accordance with the classifications, concepts and definitions used in the preparation of provincial and municipal finance statistics. These tables differ from the information presented in Subsection 2 in that the latter has been extracted directly from the *Public Accounts of Canada*. Detailed reports published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics provide reconciliations of revenue, expenditure and debt as set out in Subsections 1 and 2. The *Public Accounts of Canada* presentation is retained for continuity and also because there is interest in and use for information on this basis.

Subsection 1.—DBS Statistics of Federal Government Finance

Revenue and Expenditure.—Table 4 shows details of net general revenue of the Federal Government for the years ended Mar. 31, 1963 and 1964.

4.—Details of Net General Revenue of the Federal Government,	Years Ended
Mar. 31, 1963 and 1964	

Source	1963	1964	Source	1963	1964
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000
Taxes			Privileges, Licences and Per-		
Income— Corporation ¹ Individual ¹ On interest, dividends and	1,298,087 2,018,276	1,374,708 2,167,674		3,928 22,548	5,232 23,927
other income going abroad General sales! Excise Duties and Special	129,137 1,108,210	124,500 1,277,815	Sales and services other than institutional. Fines and penalties Exchange fund profits	$\begin{array}{c} 62,617 \\ 1,213 \\ 35,227 \end{array}$	66,431 1,548 62,594
Excise Taxes— Alcoholic beverages Tobacco	219,814 383,553		Receipts from government en- terprises	107,084 9,706	124,651 10,625
Other Customs import duties Estate taxes	37,889 644,992 87,143	581,441	Postal serviceOther revenueNon-revenue and surplus re-	222,359 11,979	235,865 13,228
Other	491	219	ceipts	22,751	27,695
Totals, Taxes	5,927,592	6,282,792	Totals, Net General Revenue	6,427,004	6,854,588

¹ Includes old age security taxes.

Table 5 gives details of the amounts paid by the Federal Government to provincial governments, territories and municipal corporations for the year ended Mar. 31, 1964 and Table 6 gives details of expenditure by function for 1963 and 1964.