

There has been little real change in recent years in the proportion of active civilian physicians who are engaged primarily in private practice; in 1954 it was 72.3 p.c., in 1959 an estimated 74.0 p.c. and in 1962 an estimated 73.4 p.c. The remainder were engaged in "other work" or were "interns, residents and fellows" In the 1959-62 period, however, a trend toward specialization was indicated by the rising proportion of specialists in private practice from 29.1 p.c. to 35.7 p.c. and of specialists in other work from 10.8 p.c. to 12.9 p.c. On the other hand, the proportion of physicians in general private practice dropped from 43.2 p.c. to 37.7 p.c. and of non-specialists in other work from 8.5 p.c. to 4.7 p.c. The increase from 8.3 p.c. to 9.0 p.c. in the proportion of physicians who were interns, residents and fellows is also indicative of increased specialization and the longer training period involved.

Earnings.—More than 98 p.c. of the earnings of privately practising physicians and surgeons in Canada were obtained from fees charged for individual items of professional service. As Table 18 shows, average gross earnings in 1964 from fees plus wages and salaries earned incidental to fee practice were \$30,409. This figure was 7 p.c. higher than in 1963 and 38 p.c. above the 1958 figure. The highest average gross earnings in 1964 were reported in Saskatchewan at \$36,484; in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia they were above the national average. Average gross incomes in the remaining provinces ranged downward from \$27,922 in Manitoba to \$23,088 in Newfoundland. Generally, throughout the seven-year period 1958-64, highest average gross earnings have been most consistently reported in Ontario and the westernmost provinces.

The net returns to doctors, after deduction of the expenses of professional fee practice, reveal similar geographic patterns, as seen in Table 18. Net earnings for Canada as a whole averaged \$20,374 in 1964, 9.6 p.c. higher than in 1963 and 48 p.c. above the 1958 figure. The highest provincial average net income was reported by Saskatchewan doctors at \$23,879 followed by Ontario doctors at \$22,247. The lowest average net income was reported in Prince Edward Island.

18.—Average Gross and Net Professional Incomes of Physicians and Surgeons, by Province, 1958-64

Province	1958*	1959*	1960*	1961†	1962†	1963†	1964
GROSS PROFESSIONAL INCOMES¹							
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland ²	19,199	19,289	21,741	20,945	19,379	21,288	23,088
Prince Edward Island.....	17,809	18,854	20,177	20,061	19,676	23,413	23,157
Nova Scotia.....	19,667	21,341	22,802	23,242	23,302	23,455	25,739
New Brunswick.....	19,538	18,918	22,523	24,220	23,978	26,376	27,802
Quebec.....	18,264	18,721	19,656	22,118	23,418	25,748	26,813
Ontario.....	23,415	24,153	25,534	27,206	27,779	30,641	33,201
Manitoba.....	24,106	26,436	24,751	27,897	27,774	27,509	27,922
Saskatchewan.....	23,511	23,699	27,102	27,103	23,238	35,657	36,484
Alberta.....	24,828	25,254	28,032	29,221	31,187	30,912	32,690
British Columbia.....	24,909	26,628	28,066	27,867	27,498	27,670	39,510
Average for All Provinces.....	22,014	22,811	24,174	25,733	26,180	28,523	30,409
NET PROFESSIONAL INCOMES²							
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland ²	14,012	13,970	15,961	15,120	14,753	15,653	16,981
Prince Edward Island.....	10,237	11,427	12,589	13,119	15,448	15,777	16,478
Nova Scotia.....	12,862	14,820	16,074	16,070	15,925	15,839	17,851
New Brunswick.....	12,409	12,372	15,535	16,258	16,418	17,701	19,255
Quebec.....	11,136	11,795	12,870	14,454	15,175	16,696	18,534
Ontario.....	14,993	15,605	16,754	17,682	18,306	20,492	22,247
Manitoba.....	13,566	14,800	15,338	15,148	16,998	17,320	17,879
Saskatchewan.....	14,527	15,096	15,955	15,843	14,619	21,625	23,879
Alberta.....	14,815	15,941	17,754	17,925	18,612	19,111	21,117
British Columbia.....	15,488	16,963	17,600	17,067	17,284	17,464	19,560
Average for All Provinces.....	13,729	14,537	15,671	16,337	16,888	18,590	20,374

* Includes incidental wages and salaries.

† Includes the salaries of Cottage Hospital Medical Plan doctors.

² Gross professional incomes less expenses of practice.