

## 5.—Ontario.

The Department of Health of Ontario is under a Minister of the Government, who also has charge of the vital statistics of the Province. It includes divisions of sanitary engineering, laboratories, preventable diseases, maternal and child hygiene, medical and dental inspection of schools, industrial hygiene and public health education.

There are eight district health officers and some 25 public health nurses in the field, and the appropriation for the work is upwards of \$750,000.

The local health work is carried on by a board of health and a medical officer of health in each of the 900 or more municipalities. Several cities have whole-time health officers, and the total local expenditure reaches nearly \$1,500,000.

Provision for the training of medical officers and of public health nurses is made by the universities of the province. A new school of hygiene in connection with the University of Toronto is in course of erection. The Connaught laboratories, which are to be housed in the school of hygiene, afford ample supplies of the various biological products used in the prevention and cure of disease. These are supplied at low cost to the Government, which in turn distributes them free to the public.

**Hospitals and Benevolent Institutions.**—The principal statistics of hospitals and similar institutions in Ontario are found in the Report on Hospitals and Charitable Institutions, containing data relative to government-aided hospitals, orphan asylums and houses of refuge, and in the Report upon the Hospitals for the Insane, Feeble-Minded and Epileptic, relating to the provincially-operated institutions for the care of mental defectives.

The number of general and maternity hospitals given in Table 5 is exclusive of 70 private hospitals which are not required to make detailed returns to the inspector of prisons and public charities.

5.—Hospitals in Ontario, year ended Sept. 30, 1926.

Items.	General, Maternity and Isolation Hospitals.	Sanatoria for Consumptives.	Hospitals for the Insane. <sup>1</sup>	Orphanages, Refugees, etc. <sup>2</sup>
Number of institutions.....	128	12	12	77
Number of patients (beginning of year).....	6,607	1,465	9,144	5,707
Admissions, births, etc.....	162,749	1,985	2,209	4,636
Total number receiving treatment.....	169,356	3,450	-	10,343
Discharges, etc.....	162,455	1,942	1,919	4,619
Number of patients (end of year).....	6,901	1,508	9,524	5,724
Staff—Doctors.....	-	-	28	-
Nurses, etc.....	-	-	1,491	-
Receipts—Government grants (provincial and municipal).....	\$ 1,800,545	873,618	4	162,037*
Fees, etc.....	\$ 5,280,754	226,984	570,626	-
Total.....	\$ 8,187,044	1,506,030	614,226	1,627,279
Expenditure—Salaries, etc.....	\$ -	-	1,213,251	-
Buildings and equipment.....	\$ -	-	613,023	-
Total.....	\$ 8,070,039	1,278,263	2,775,169	1,598,289

<sup>1</sup> Year ended Oct. 31, 1925. <sup>2</sup> Exclusive of 31 county houses of refuge. <sup>3</sup> These institutions are government-owned and hence do not receive the statutory grants made to other hospitals. <sup>4</sup> Includes other receipts. <sup>5</sup> Includes other expenditures. <sup>6</sup> Provincial grant only.