

Indigent patients, who, where they pay anything at all, pay only fractional amounts of the actual cost of their treatments, numbered 340,593 in 1929, showing an increase of 10 p.c. compared with the previous year.

The cost of maintenance has risen almost without interruption since 1913, when the average as computed by the Bureau of Statistics was \$1.68.

2.—Summary of Canadian Hospitals and Beds, 1930.

Type of Institution.	Number of Hospitals.	Number of Beds.
Public general hospitals (including general pædiatric and Red Cross).....	485	38,018
Tuberculosis institutions.....	31	5,655
Pædiatric accommodation in general hospitals.....	246	3,119 ¹
General Pædiatric hospitals.....	15	1,209
Orthopædic hospitals.....	13	533
Total beds for pædiatric and orthopædic.....	-	4,271
Public maternity hospitals (accepting maternity only).....	9	643
Public maternity hospitals (including those maternity hospitals accepting gynaecology or surgery and the Montreal Maternity Hospital).....	16	1,076
Maternity accommodation in general public hospitals (estimated from returns).....	-	4,636
Maternity beds in private hospitals (as reported).....	-	761
Total maternity accommodation (estimated).....	-	6,000 ¹
Department of Pensions and National Health ("Contract" hospitals not included).....	16	3,614
Mental and Neurological hospitals: Public.....	36	25,978
Private.....	6	884
Totals.....	42	26,862
Red Cross hospitals, outposts and nursing stations.....	47	401
Private hospitals.....	274	2,632 ¹
Government hospitals: Dominion.....	11	3,402
Provincial (including General Hospital, Halifax).....	36	23,464
General hospitals with tuberculosis beds or annexes. Many others accept such patients temporarily. Saskatchewan requires each public hospital to accept tuberculosis patients up to 10 p.c. of its capacity. This accounts for 54 hospitals and 241 beds in this list.....	105	954
Municipal hospitals in Canada (including isolation hospitals).....	89	7,120
Hospitals for the incurables.....	33	2,700 ¹
Convalescent hospitals (including private hospitals).....	9	325
Public hospitals prepared to treat drug addicts. (There are also several private institutions).....	1 ²	-
Training schools for nurses.....	215 ¹	-
Hospitals requiring internes.....	97	425 appointments
Hospitals maintained by:—		
(1) Religious organizations—		
Anglican Church.....	4	
Presbyterian Church.....	4	
Roman Catholic Sisters.....	132	
Salvation Army.....	16	
United Church.....	21	
(2) Red Cross.....	47	
(3) Shriners.....	2	
(4) Women's Institute.....	2	
(5) King's Daughters.....	1	
(6) I.O.D.E.....	1	
(7) W.C.T.U.....	1	
(8) Victorian Order.....	1	

¹The figures are approximate only. ²Ponoka, Alberta.

Hospitals for Mental Defectives.—It is only in the case of hospitals for mental defectives that statistics of institutions throughout the nine provinces which possess any degree of comparability can be compiled. Table 3 brings the more important data together and may be taken as giving a general idea of the situation throughout the Dominion.