

20.—Summary Statistics of Federal Government Hospitals 1953

Item	Department of Veterans Affairs	Department of National Defence	Department of National Health and Welfare		Total
			Indian Health Services	Quarantine and Sick Mariners	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Hospitals reporting.....	19	9	18	10	56
Beds—					
General.....	7,181	925	549	280	8,935
Tuberculosis.....	576	—	1,564	—	2,140
Mental.....	1,550	—	—	—	1,550
Other.....	667	—	—	93	760
Totals, Beds.....	9,974	925	2,113	373	13,385
Personnel—					
Salaried doctors.....	127	78	48	23	276
Graduate nurses.....	1,522	145	216	50	1,933
Other personnel.....	7,476	557	1,094	138	9,265
Totals, Personnel.....	9,125	780	1,358	211	11,474
Facilities—					
Laboratory.....	14	9	7	9	39
Radiology.....	15	9	17	4	45
Physiotherapy.....	18	9	1	2	30
Outpatient service.....	14	9	14	9	46
Movement of Patients—					
In hospital at beginning of year.....	7,177	492	1,873	41	9,583
Admissions.....	51,783	19,677	8,605	544	80,609
Totals, Under Care.....	58,960	20,169	10,478	585	90,192
Discharges.....	49,741	19,600	8,269	522	78,132
Deaths.....	2,040	20	165	25	2,250
In hospital at end of year.....	7,179	549	2,044	38	9,810
Patient-days during year.....	2,854,644	293,400	718,614	11,127	3,877,785
Average daily number of patients.....	7,821.0	803.8	1,968.8	30.5	10,624.1
Percentage occupancy.....	78.4	86.9	93.2	8.2	79.4

¹ Excludes bassinets.

PART II.—PUBLIC WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY*

Responsibility for social welfare in Canada has rested in large part on the provinces which in turn have delegated an important share of this responsibility to the municipalities. Though constitutional authority has not changed, except with respect to unemployment insurance and old age pensions, the financial participation of the Federal Government has been greatly extended in the past two decades in the provision of income maintenance payments.

The creation of the Department of National Health and Welfare in 1944 established for the first time in the Federal Government a department in which public welfare is a major responsibility. The Department is charged with the administration of federal Acts relating to welfare which are not assigned by law to other departments. In addition

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