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This is the first preliminary annual report of public hospitals to be published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. It contains information for public hospitals according to the two major classifications of General and Special. The latter group includes hospitals for women, children, contagious diseases and convalescents; Red Cross hospitals and a number of unclassified.

Statistical returns covering general information and movement of patients for the year 1949, were received from 719 public hospitals. This represents an increase of 41 hospitals, or 6 per cent over the year 1948. The total capacity including beds, cribs and bassinets, increased by 3.9 per cent over the preceding year. The capacity of reporting hospitals and the average days' stay of patients, for the past five years are as follows :-

Year	Number of hospitals reporting	CAPACITY		AVERAGE STAY	
		Beds and cribs	Bass- inets	Adults and children	Newborn
1949	719	57,885	9,534	10.1	7.8
1948	678	55,899	9,037	10.8	8.0
1947	653	54,075	8,747	11.0	8.4
1946	595	53,068	8,256	11.5	9.3
1945	587	51,670	7,654	11.9	9.8

There were 1,525,014 adults and children admitted to hospitals during the year 1949, while live births in hospitals totalled 252,852 for the same period. This represents an increase of 6.9 per cent and 5.1 per cent, respectively over the preceding year. The total stay of patients in hospitals during 1949 was 18,484,144 days, an increase of 3.9 per cent over 1948 ; the increase for adults and children was 4.1 per cent and for newborn, 2 per cent. The average stay of adults and children was 10.1 days, and for newborn, 7.8 days. This maintains the trend toward shorter periods of hospitalization as shown in the foregoing table.

The financial tables contained in this report were compiled from the returns of 660 public hospitals.

The gross earnings of these hospitals during the year 1949, were \$126,327,000 ; deductions for uncollectable accounts, free service, etc. totalled \$11,902,000 ; leaving net earnings of \$114,425,000 . The total revenue was comprised of : net earnings, 73.4 per cent; Provincial and Municipal grants, 13.8 per cent, and revenue from all other sources 12.8 per cent. Gross earnings showed an increase of 20.6 per cent; net earnings, of 22.7 per cent, and revenue from all sources, of 19.8 per cent over the year 1948 . Revenue for capital purposes amounted to 7.6 per cent of the total revenue. The following table shows a comparison of total in-patient expenditures, patient days and cost per patient day for the past five years :-

Year	Number of hospitals reporting	In-patient expenditures (\$000)	Patient days (000)	Cost per patient day
1949	660	135,838	18,701	7.26
1948	610	115,560	17,756	6.51
1947	588	96,443	17,379	5.55
1946	519	78,290	16,368	4.78
1945	542	69,523	15,636	4.45

Of the total expenditures, salaries and wages was the largest single item of expense, amounting to 49.7 per cent of the total. Supplies accounted for 35.5 per cent, repairs replacements and depreciation of plant and equipment, 7.7 per cent, while purchased services, insurance, interest and other miscellaneous expense comprised 7.1 per cent of the total expenditures.

Complete and detailed statistics of public, private and Dominion hospitals will appear in the forthcoming Annual Report of Hospitals - 1949. This report was prepared in the Institutions Section, Health and Welfare Division.



PUBLIC HOSPITALS - 1949

Revenue

(Preliminary)

Province and Type	Gross Earnings		Deductions	Net Earnings	Grants			Other revenue	Special revenue	Capital revenue	TOTAL REVENUE
	In-patients	Out-patients			Provincial	Municipal	Other				
CANADA											
Total	119,496	6,831	11,902	114,425	10,380	10,379	849	6,786	1,209	11,858	155,886
General	111,240	6,473	9,159	108,554	8,490	8,378	398	5,526	1,101	11,381	143,828
Special	8,256	358	2,743	5,871	1,890	2,001	451	1,260	108	477	12,058
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND											
Total	689	9	81	617	95	2	-	37	-	-	751
General	689	9	81	617	95	2	-	37	-	-	751
Special	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOVA SCOTIA											
Total	4,185	202	283	4,104	291	236	179	317	-	180	5,307
General	3,867	201	258	3,810	255	178	11	272	-	180	4,706
Special	318	1	25	294	36	58	168	45	-	-	601
NEW BRUNSWICK											
Total	4,470	150	647	3,973	165	272	7	132	53	111	4,713
General	4,394	150	646	3,898	159	272	2	131	53	111	4,626
Special	76	-	1	75	6	-	5	1	-	-	87
QUEBEC											
Total	28,379	1,433	5,462	24,350	3,183	3,112	205	3,214	363	1,470	35,897
General	23,955	1,382	3,297	22,040	1,905	1,852	62	2,677	267	1,296	30,099
Special	4,424	51	2,165	2,310	1,278	1,260	143	537	96	174	5,798
ONTARIO											
Total	34,536	3,133	919	36,750	4,746	4,513	7	1,470	11	4,133	51,630
General	32,645	2,896	888	34,653	4,312	4,222	7	1,026	11	4,013	48,244
Special	1,891	237	31	2,097	434	291	-	444	-	120	3,386
MANITOBA											
Total	7,320	106	1,332	6,094	343	525	97	290	12	38	7,399
General	6,753	58	1,065	5,746	286	148	50	260	-	31	6,521
Special	567	48	267	348	57	377	47	30	12	7	878
SASKATCHEWAN											
Total	11,013	422	188	11,247	305	108	20	612	39	2,580	14,911
General	10,909	420	183	11,146	285	106	8	601	39	2,574	14,759
Special	104	2	5	101	20	2	12	11	-	6	152
ALBERTA											
Total	10,882	277	2,385	8,774	1,130	1,510	310	298	19	383	12,424
General	10,745	277	2,279	8,743	1,091	1,497	258	256	19	383	12,247
Special	137	-	106	31	39	13	52	42	-	-	177
BRITISH COLUMBIA											
Total	18,022	1,099	605	18,516	122	101	24	416	712	2,963	22,854
General	17,283	1,080	462	17,901	102	101	-	266	712	2,793	21,875
Special	739	19	143	615	20	-	24	150	-	170	979

Note: All figures shown in thousands.

Number of reporting hospitals same as for Expenditures.



PUBLIC HOSPITALS - 1949

Expenditures

(Preliminary)

Province and Type	Number of hospitals reporting	Expenditures										Patient days during year *	Cost per patient day	
		Salaries and wages	Supplies	Purchased services	Depreciation	Repairs and replacements	Miscellaneous	Totals						
								In-patients	Out-patients	Other	TOTAL			
CANADA														
Total	660	72,975	52,172	4,522	6,615	4,672	5,910	135,838	8,783	2,245	146,866	18,701	7.26	
General	585	66,970	48,134	4,139	6,199	4,010	5,214	124,646	7,990	2,030	134,666	16,827	7.40	
Special	75	6,005	4,038	383	416	662	696	11,192	793	215	12,200	1,874	5.97	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND														
Total	5	227	368	28	43	27	35	720	8	-	728	136	5.27	
General	5	227	368	28	43	27	35	720	8	-	728	136	5.27	
Special	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NOVA SCOTIA														
Total	44	2,257	2,435	249	216	308	277	5,316	298	128	5,742	868	6.12	
General	28	2,012	2,197	215	208	226	254	4,742	297	73	5,112	777	6.10	
Special	16	245	238	34	8	82	23	574	1	55	630	91	6.29	
NEW BRUNSWICK														
Total	31	1,843	2,001	179	379	134	199	4,582	153	-	4,735	682	6.71	
General	24	1,786	1,950	173	376	134	197	4,463	153	-	4,616	662	6.73	
Special	7	57	51	6	3	-	2	119	-	-	119	20	7.02	
QUEBEC														
Total	88	16,598	13,235	1,189	1,463	1,514	2,369	33,016	2,219	1,133	36,368	4,774	6.92	
General	68	13,780	11,122	992	1,303	1,106	2,005	27,313	1,894	1,101	30,308	3,646	7.49	
Special	20	2,818	2,113	197	160	408	364	5,703	325	32	6,060	1,128	5.05	
ONTARIO														
Total	129	25,191	17,488	881	2,132	1,343	1,220	44,134	4,110	11	48,225	5,736	7.69	
General	119	23,523	16,432	812	1,987	1,227	980	41,229	3,721	11	44,961	5,381	7.66	
Special	10	1,668	1,056	69	145	116	240	2,905	389	-	3,294	355	8.18	
MANITOBA														
Total	46	3,535	2,805	211	378	175	189	6,986	180	127	7,293	1,109	6.30	
General	43	3,040	2,539	184	333	144	156	6,267	129	-	6,396	983	6.37	
Special	3	495	266	27	45	31	33	719	51	127	897	126	5.68	
SASKATCHEWAN														
Total	144	6,136	4,155	485	620	305	365	11,609	442	15	12,066	1,846	6.29	
General	134	6,054	4,089	474	617	300	358	11,438	439	15	11,892	1,821	6.28	
Special	10	82	66	11	3	5	7	171	3	-	174	25	6.67	
ALBERTA														
Total	97	5,784	4,183	384	520	470	715	11,655	288	113	12,056	1,654	7.05	
General	93	5,683	4,127	377	518	464	710	11,478	288	113	11,879	1,620	7.09	
Special	4	101	56	7	2	6	5	177	-	-	177	34	5.19	
BRITISH COLUMBIA														
Total	76	11,404	5,502	916	864	396	541	17,820	1,085	718	19,623	1,896	9.40	
General	71	10,865	5,310	884	814	382	519	16,996	1,061	717	18,774	1,801	9.43	
Special	5	539	192	32	50	14	22	824	24	1	849	95	8.68	

Note : Expenditures and Patient days shown in thousands. * Includes days in units, which days do not appear in table on page 4 .



PUBLIC HOSPITALS - 1949

Bed Capacity and Movement of Patients

(Preliminary)

Province and Type	Hospitals reporting	Capacity	Admissions	Discharges	Deaths	In residence at Dec. 31	Total under care	Patient days during year	Average daily population	Average stay
CANADA	719	67,419	1,777,866	1,730,949	45,187	44,020	1,820,156	18,484,144	50,641.0	10.1
General : A and C	609	51,189	1,436,912	1,397,301	37,955	35,326	1,470,582	14,932,660	40,911.0	10.1
Newborn		8,510	228,574	223,538	5,146	4,394	233,078	1,828,921	5,010.9	7.8
Special : A and C	110	6,696	88,102	86,277	1,649	3,805	91,731	1,540,195	4,219.6	16.7
Newborn		1,024	24,278	23,833	437	495	24,765	182,368	499.5	7.3
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	6	537	12,417	12,022	357	374	12,753	136,454	373.8	10.7
General : A and C	6	464	10,292	9,963	306	335	10,604	120,396	329.3	11.3
Newborn		73	2,125	2,059	51	39	2,149	16,058	44.0	7.5
NOVA SCOTIA	44	3,566	82,687	80,575	1,972	2,288	84,835	808,634	2,215.4	9.5
General : A and C	28	2,545	60,690	59,048	1,518	1,808	62,374	631,565	1,730.3	10.1
Newborn		461	11,542	11,313	233	219	11,765	85,876	235.3	7.3
Special : A and C	16	413	7,887	7,688	180	202	8,070	70,287	192.6	8.7
Newborn		147	2,568	2,526	41	59	2,626	20,906	57.2	8.1
NEW BRUNSWICK	31	2,401	75,205	73,593	1,707	1,472	76,772	682,157	1,868.9	8.9
General : A and C	24	1,926	62,268	60,924	1,384	1,270	63,578	586,827	1,607.7	9.2
Newborn		372	10,008	9,769	287	166	10,222	75,677	207.4	7.4
Special : A and C	7	62	2,062	2,038	25	26	2,089	13,323	36.5	6.4
Newborn		41	867	862	11	10	883	6,330	17.3	7.2
QUEBEC	93	18,289	351,424	341,898	9,237	10,054	361,189	4,520,821	12,385.7	12.5
General : A and C	72	12,541	277,519	270,056	7,320	6,748	284,124	3,253,076	8,912.4	11.4
Newborn		1,614	40,940	39,751	1,178	837	41,766	342,242	937.7	8.2
Special : A and C	21	3,750	25,979	23,324	549	2,285	28,158	876,738	2,402.0	31.1
Newborn		384	6,986	6,767	190	184	7,141	48,765	133.6	6.8
ONTARIO	163	19,429	584,911	567,695	17,168	14,008	598,871	5,846,633	16,018.1	9.8
General : A and C	120	14,707	455,090	440,461	14,464	11,536	466,461	4,777,605	13,089.3	10.2
Newborn		2,687	81,493	79,843	1,784	1,450	83,077	612,901	1,679.2	7.4
Special : A and C	43	1,721	38,118	37,322	759	845	38,926	382,311	1,047.4	7.8
Newborn		314	10,210	10,069	161	177	10,407	73,816	202.2	7.1
MANITOBA	47	4,041	115,705	113,013	2,722	2,387	118,122	1,054,258	2,888.4	8.7
General : A and C	44	3,130	94,546	92,246	2,294	1,957	96,497	855,692	2,344.3	8.7
Newborn		629	16,444	16,107	342	280	16,729	128,935	353.3	7.7
Special : A and C	3	282	4,713	4,658	86	150	4,894	69,607	190.7	14.2
Newborn		-	2	2	-	-	2	24	0.1	12.0
SASKATCHEWAN	147	6,059	182,289	178,242	3,609	4,597	186,448	1,849,678	5,067.5	9.9
General : A and C	137	5,137	159,640	156,006	3,203	4,151	163,360	1,655,478	4,535.5	10.1
Newborn		812	19,464	19,081	382	386	19,849	168,538	461.7	8.5
Special : A and C	10	71	2,638	2,613	21	48	2,682	20,486	56.1	7.6
Newborn		39	547	542	3	12	557	5,176	14.2	9.3
ALBERTA	102	5,656	178,576	175,024	3,319	3,858	182,201	1,599,558	4,382.3	8.8
General : A and C	97	4,595	154,306	151,272	2,866	3,234	157,372	1,355,086	3,715.3	8.6
Newborn		880	22,654	22,177	443	517	23,137	203,613	557.8	8.8
Special : A and C	5	145	1,107	1,077	6	93	1,176	33,041	90.5	28.1
Newborn		36	509	498	4	14	516	6,818	18.7	13.2
BRITISH COLUMBIA	76	6,981	191,839	186,248	5,036	4,658	195,942	1,896,123	5,194.8	9.7
General : A and C	71	5,720	159,962	154,895	4,543	3,971	163,409	1,607,974	4,405.4	9.8
Newborn		946	23,690	23,229	443	492	24,164	193,214	529.4	8.0
Special : A and C	5	252	5,598	5,557	23	156	5,736	74,402	203.8	13.0
Newborn		63	2,589	2,567	27	39	2,633	20,533	56.2	7.8
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	10	454	2,813	2,639	60	324	3,023	89,828	246.1	29.7
General : A and C	10	424	2,599	2,430	57	316	2,803	87,961	241.0	31.3
Newborn		30	214	209	3	8	220	1,867	5.1	8.5

A and C indicates Adults and children

In column 2, Capacity, beds and cribs are shown opposite A and C, bassinets opposite Newborn.

Special Hospitals : includes Maternity, Paediatric, Contagious Diseases, Convalescent, Red Cross and Not Classified ; excludes hospitals for tuberculosis, chronic and mental diseases, Private and Dominion hospitals.

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