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ONTARIO HOSPITALS.

The report of the Inspector of Hospitals shows how very extensive is the service rendered the Province by the hospitals of Ontario.

The number of patients treated during the year in the hospitals was 79,857. Of this number, 69,928 were admitted during the year, the remainder being made up of 4,471 carried over from the previous year, and 5,458 births. There were 4,739 deaths, or a percentage of 75.98.

The money expended during the year amounted to \$3,250,607, and of this sum \$670,733 was expended on capital account. The average cost per patient per day was \$1.47. The provincial grants amounted to \$278,187, or .081 per cent. of the total expenditures. The revenue of the hospitals from all sources amounted to \$256,510, or \$692,097 less than the total disbursements.

The report emphasizes the need for sanitarium for consumptives. During the year only 1,600 patients of this class were admitted into charitable institutions. Ten years ago the death rate from tuberculosis was 148 per 100,000, while last year it was only 90. Last year it caused 7.3 per cent. of the total death loss, and ten years ago 11 per cent. It is urged that there ought to be a sanitarium in each country or group of counties. These sanitarium would have a splendid field for operation, both in the way of prevention of the disease, and in the curing of incipient cases.

THE CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The magnitude of the task of the proper care of the wounded often fails to dawn upon the minds of those who are best able to judge. So far as Britain is concerned there will be anywhere from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 men engaged in France and Belgium. In the many battles that must be fought, the numbers of wounded will be very great.