

The expenditure on Government institutions (Te Waikato Sanatorium and St. Helens Hospitals) was,—

	1913-14.	1914-15.
	£	£
Maintenance .. .. .	12,176	12,215
Administration .. .. .	445	502
Capital expenditure .. .. .	1,051	239
Other expenditure .. .. .	657	1,014
	<u>£14,329</u>	<u>£13,971</u>

There was also expended by the Department on other means of medical and nursing assistance a sum of £13,170, made up of—

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(1.) Subsidies to medical men in the backblocks.. .. .	1,143
(2.) Medical and nursing attendance on Maoris .. .. .	3,219
(3.) Grants to private charitable institutions, Plunket nurses, &c. .. .. .	8,808

#### Hospital Expenditure.

The total expenditure on account of hospitals for the last four years was as follows:—

Year.	Maintenance.	Administration.	Capital.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
1910-11 .. .. .	199,573	11,586	70,814	5,830	287,803
1911-12 .. .. .	225,796	13,255	84,798	5,663	329,513
1912-13 .. .. .	240,527	12,644	98,051	3,598	354,818
1913-14 .. .. .	262,007	13,948	130,343	4,856	411,454
1914-15 .. .. .	283,490	15,458	88,498	7,983	395,429

#### Hospital Maintenance Expenditure.

Year.	Patients under Treatment during Year.			Average Number under Daily Treatment.		
	General Hospitals.	Special Hospitals.	Total.	General Hospitals.	Special Hospitals.	Total.
1910-11 .. .. .	23,584	1,607	25,191	1,839	186	2,025
1911-12 .. .. .	24,681	1,879	26,560	1,900	178	2,078
1912-13 .. .. .	26,979	1,789	28,768	2,131	200	2,231
1913-14 .. .. .	28,885	1,761	30,646	2,234	234	2,468
1914-15 .. .. .	31,366	2,009	33,375	2,364	288	2,652

*General Hospitals.*—The expenditure on maintenance on Boards' general hospitals was £249,210, and this is equivalent to £106.2 per annum per occupied bed. The average annual cost of maintenance per occupied bed for the last four years is set out below:—

Year.	Provisions.	Surgery and Dispensary.	Domestic and Establishment.	Salaries and Wages.	Total Maintenance.
	£	£	£	£	£
1911-12 .. .. .	24.2	10.3	29.5	42.3	106.3
1912-13 .. .. .	23.8	9.9	26.3	40.2	100.3
1913-14 .. .. .	24.9	9.8	27.4	43.0	105.1
1914-15 .. .. .	25.0	10.7	27.0	43.5	106.2

#### Charitable-aid Expenditure.

As compared with last year there is an increase of £8,443 in charitable-aid expenditure, the figures for the last four years being as follows:—

Year.	Indoor Relief.	Outdoor Relief.	Total.
	£	£	£
1911-12 .. .. .	64,651	34,171	98,822
1912-13 .. .. .	66,378	31,092	97,470
1913-14 .. .. .	68,510	34,541	103,051
1914-15 .. .. .	74,081	37,413	111,494