

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

THE EUGENICS BOARD

The Eugenics Board for the Province of Alberta held 12 meetings during the year 1968. These meetings were held at the Alberta Hospital, Edmonton; Alberta Hospital Ponoka; Alberta School Hospital, Red Deer; and Deerhorne, Red Deer. The dates of the meeting held during 1968 were as follows:

February 13	Alberta School Hospital, Red Deer
February 14	Alberta Hospital, Edmonton
May 14	Alberta School Hospital, Red Deer
May 14	Alberta Hospital, Ponoka
May 15	Alberta Hospital, Edmonton
October 8	Alberta School Hospital, Red Deer
October 8	Deerhorne, Red Deer
Ocotber 8	Alberta Hospital, Ponoka
Ocotber 9	Alberta Hospital, Edmonton
December 10	Alberta School Hospital, Red Deer
December 10	Deerhorne, Red Deer
December 11	Alberta Hospital, Edmonton

The Board considered a total of 103 cases, 96 of which were passed for surgery. Six cases were deferred because they did not fall within the scope of The Sexual Sterilization Act and one case was represented. Of the 96 cases which were passed by the Board in accordance with The Sexual Sterilization Act (1955-C.311.S.5), 36 were male and 60 female. Of this number 18 were passed subject to their own consent. Of the 96 cases passed by the Board during the year, 76 had first been examined at an Alberta Guidance Clinic, although most of these had been hospitalized prior to presentation. This group of 76 cases was made up of 34 males and 42 females.

OPERATIONS

Operations were performed on 69 cases during the year, 29 being male and 40 female. All of these operations were performed at the Alberta Hospital, Edmonton; Alberta Hospital, Ponoka; and Alberta School Hospital, Red Deer.

The surgical operations mentioned above were performed by the surgeons of the Board. Dr. J. Ross Vant of Edmonton and Dr. R. M. Parsons of Red Deer.

BOARD CHANGES

On March 1st, Dr. W. R. N. Blair of Calgary resigned as a member of the Eugenics Board. He was replaced on May 1st by Dr. David Gibson of Calgary. Dr. Gibson resigned from the Board as of December 31st.

APPRECIATION

As in previous years, the Eugenics Board wishes to express thanks and sincere appreciation to the Director and Assistant Director, Division of Mental Health, to the Medical Superintendents and their staffs, to the surgeons, and to the Guidance Clinics for their cooperation in connection with the work of the Board.

TABULAR SUMMARY

A tabular summary of the work of the Provincial Eugenics Board to December 31, 1968, is appended.

CASES PRESENTED AND PASSED (To DECEMBER 31, 1968)

Years	YEARLY TOTALS			CUMULATIVE TOTALS		
	Male	Female	Totals	Male	Female	Totals
1929-1933	87	201	288	87	201	288
1934-1938	557	438	995	644	639	1283
1939-1943	339	299	638	983	938	1921
1944-1948	237	311	548	1220	1249	2469
1949-1953	187	239	426	1407	1488	2895
1954-1958	302	275	577	1709	1763	3472
1959	32	62	94	1741	1825	3566
1960	37	65	102	1778	1890	3668
1961	44	75	119	1822	1965	3787
1962	48	71	119	1870	2036	3906
1963	45	80	125	1915	2116	4031
1964	43	63	106	1958	2179	4137
1965	28	53	81	1986	2232	4218
1966	51	79	130	2037	2311	4348
1967	27	55	82	2064	2366	4430
1968	36	60	96	2100	2426	4526

OPERATIONS ONLY (To DECEMBER 31, 1968)

Years	YEARLY TOTALS			CUMULATIVE TOTALS		
	Male	Female	Totals	Male	Female	Totals
1929-1933	48	158	206	48	158	206
1934-1938	198	240	438	246	398	644
1939-1943	122	151	273	368	549	917
1944-1948	87	124	211	455	673	1128
1949-1953	84	162	246	539	835	1474
1954-1958	207	160	367	746	995	1741
1959	40	50	90	786	1045	1831
1960	21	48	69	807	1093	1900
1961	53	52	105	860	1145	2005
1962	33	65	98	893	1210	2103
1963	31	61	92	924	1271	2195
1964	37	44	81	961	1315	2276
1965	45	47	92	1006	1362	2368
1966	42	65	107	1048	1427	2475
1967	34	63	97	1082	1490	2572
1968	29	40	69	1111	1530	2641