

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

Population: 11,506,655

Area: 3,694,863

Heagerty (1933) states that no leprosy has been discovered in Gloucester County, New Brunswick, since April 1919. Therefore it can be assumed "... that the disease has now become virtually extinct among the native population where it had its source." There is no other endemic focus in Canada. There were 9 patients in the Tracadie Lazaretto, New Brunswick, on September 1, 1932; late in 1932 there were 5 patients in the Bentinck Island Colony, British Columbia.

HEAGERTY, J. J.

1933. Leprosy in Canada. *Internat. J. Leprosy*, 1, 463-468.

MEXICO

Population: 19,473,741

Area: 763,944

Burgess (1944) states: "At present the only method of ascertaining how many leprosy cases there are in Mexico is through the legal regulation which requires all physicians to report every case which he treats. No intensive surveys have as yet been carried out. More than 7,000 cases have been made known to the Bureau of Health by these measures. It is estimated that the total number is probably three or four times as great. Leprosy is of the greatest importance in: Guanajuato, Jalisco, Michoacan, Sinaloa, and the Federal District. It is of less importance in: Aguascalientes, Coahuila, Colima, Guerrero and Yucatan The State of Sinaloa has a very advanced form of the lepromatous type of leprosy and it is thought that the majority of the cases have this form. In Yucatan the well-to-do people are the victims, possibly due to the fact that the Mayans are free from the disease and that they form the larger portion of the poorer population."

The list of states and territories, with the known cases, is as follows:

Aguascalientes	90	Nayarit	149
Campeche	12	Nuevo Leon	56
Chiapas	11	Oaxaca	81
Chihuahua	47	Puebla	8
Coahuila	106	Quertaro	162
Colima	238	Quintana Roo.....	1
Durango	100	San Luis Potosí	81
Federal District	1,086	Sinaloa	655
Guanajuato	1,328	Sonora	92
Guerrero	101	Tabasco	2
Hidalgo	5	Tamaulipas	67
Jalisco	1,217	Tlaxcala	2
Lower California	20	Veracruz	31
Mexico	145	Yucatan	142
Michoacan	923	Zacatecas	158
Morelos	57	TOTAL	7,173

"The single leprosarium, located thirty-four kilometers from Mexico City, has four hundred patients with a total capacity of but one hundred more. Definite plans are underway for one more colony, which it is hoped may be built this year, and tentative plans have been considered for two or three others."

BURGESS, P.

1944. Information obtained from a personal visit, March 1944.

UNITED STATES

Population: 131,669,275*Area:* 3,022,387

Johansen (1944) estimates there to be from 1,500 to 2,000 leprosy cases in the United States. The chief foci of infection are Southern California, Florida, Louisiana, and Texas. It is generally considered that the endemic foci are: In Florida, Key West, and Tampa; in Louisiana, New Orleans, and Bayou Teche-country; and in Texas, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Galveston, San Antonio, and several small areas along the Rio Grande River. On May 17, 1944 there were 384 patients in the National Leprosarium, Carville. The admission figures indicate that leprosy is stationary or very slightly decreasing in Florida and Louisiana, and slightly increasing in Texas.

JOHANSEN, F. A.

1944. Personal communication to Perry Burgess.