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The remaining 12 were non-leprous children in the asylum with their parents.

Arrangements are being pushed on for the establishment of a leper community on one of the islands in the Essequibo River, where it is to be hoped these unfortunate people will enjoy a more contented if not a happier lot.

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#### POSTAL TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE.

36. The postal department continues to augment its sphere of usefulness. The total number of letters, newspapers, book-packets and post-cards sent through the post was 1,581,164, an increase of 57,493 on the previous year. The most noticeable features were the increase of letters by 55,413; of post-cards (inland and foreign) by 16,330, and the decrease of newspapers by 13,792.

The inland money order business increased from 19,157*l.* to 24,568*l.*

The telegraph lines have been renewed in many places and a cable 54 miles in length has been lain between Georgetown and Bartica, a town at the junction of the Massaruni and Essequibo rivers and the point of final departure for the gold diggings in that part of the Colony. The revenue from the Government Telegraph rose from 3,333*l.* to 4,546*l.*

The telephone switch-board capacity in Georgetown has been doubled and now stands at 400, with 314 subscribers. A telephone service has been established in New Amsterdam, where there are 54 subscribers. The convict prison at Massaruni has been connected by telephone with the telegraph office at Bartica, and consequently is now in direct communication with Georgetown.

#### METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

37. The following table will show the temperature and rainfall for the year :—

				Temperature.		Rainfall.
				Maximum.	Minimum.	Inches.
April	1892	-	-	84	75	·00
May	"	-	-	85	75	7·78
June	"	-	-	84	73	24·38
July	"	-	-	85	73	11·40
August	"	-	-	86	74	8·05
September	"	-	-	86	74	5·79
October	"	-	-	87	75	1·20
November	"	-	-	85	75	5·06
December	"	-	-	83	74	12·14
January	1893	-	-	82	73	11·73
February	"	-	-	82	73	12·91
March	"	-	-	82	73	16·98