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## LEPER ASYLUMS.

The male and female Asylums at Mahaica and Gorchum contained at the close of the year 363 inmates, of whom 76 had been admitted during the year, 44 had died, and 16 had absconded. The disease showed itself in the following forms :—

—				Males.	Females.	Total.
Anæsthetic	...	...		150	45	195
Tubercular	...	...		49	19	68
Mixed	...	...	...	73	15	85
						348

There were several non-leprous children, one case of yaws, and two doubtful cases.

There are other charitable Institutions in the Colony. The Alms Houses in Georgetown and New Amsterdam contain 853 inmates, the Orphan Asylum 83 children, and the Catholic Orphanage 46 girls, all except the last named supported from public funds.

In addition to the above, about £10,000 is spent yearly in out-door poor relief.

## POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH.

Postal business proper shows an all-round increase, and the total number of articles posted rose to 1,984,180. Inland Money Orders increased also and recovered the ground lost last year. Foreign Money Orders also show an increase as regards the United Kingdom and the United States. Orders were issued on India for the first time, and were made use of to the extent of £2,735.

Three Post Offices were added during the year, and there are now 70 in the Colony. Of these 43 are telegraph stations, 36 are Money Order Offices, 22 are Savings Banks, and 8 are travelling offices.

The length of telegraph lines throughout the Colony is 462 miles, and there are 17 cables with an aggregate length of 84½ miles. 74,254 paid messages were sent, and 12,275 service messages. The total gross revenue derived was £4,476.