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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

**SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
DEPARTMENT**

FOR THE YEAR

1960.

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GEORGETOWN, DEMERARA, BRITISH GUIANA.

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SOCIAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT,
Brickdam, Georgetown,

September, 1961.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the Annual
Report of the Social Assistance Department for the
year 1960.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. J. Davis

Secretary,

Poor Law Commissioners.

The Honourable Minister of Education
and Social Development,
Ministerial Building,
High Street,
GEORGETOWN.

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I - FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Social Assistance Department provides the administrative organisation for carrying out the duties vested in the Local Board of Poor Law Commissioners and District Local Boards and prescribed in the Poor Relief and Old Age Pensions Ordinance, Chapters 62 and 63 respectively.

2. The statutory functions of the Board of Poor Law Commissioners are briefly:-

- (a) the grant of assistance, mainly cash allowances to persons under 65 years of age who are destitute and unable to earn sufficient for their maintenance;
- (b) the determination of the claims for Old Age Pensions payable to persons in Georgetown satisfying certain conditions about age, nationality, residence and means;
- (c) the control of "The Palms" which provides free accommodation and meals mainly for aged persons who are either destitute and homeless or in need of continuous medical care and nursing help;
- (d) the grant of assistance at any time in cases of necessity to those requiring it.

3. In addition, the Department undertakes

- (a) Investigations on behalf of other Government Departments, Welfare Organisations both local and overseas;
- (b) secretarial duties of the Adoption Board, the sole authority for making arrangements for the adoption of children and the Appeal Board established for the purpose of hearing appeals from the decision of any appropriate authority refusing the claims of persons for pension;
- (c) the administration of grants to institutions run by voluntary organisations and catering for the destitute and orphans.

II - EXPENDITURE

Funds for Public Assistance, Old Age Pension, "The Palms", grants to Institutions and administrative expenses are provided by the Legislative Council. The total expenditure incurred during 1960 was \$1,837,860 compared with a total of \$1,757,300 spent for these purposes in 1959.

Details are as follows:-

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Public Assistance	440,520	400,290	40,230
Old Age Pensions	945,960	935,390	10,570
"The Palms"	152,930	138,660	14,270
Grants to Institutions	14,880	12,350	2,530
Administrative Expenses	283,570	270,610	12,960
	<u>\$1,837,860</u>	<u>\$1,757,300</u>	<u>\$80,560</u>

/ The increase

The increase in the number of persons placed on the Public Assistance and Old Age Pension registers was responsible for 63% of the additional amount spent in 1960 as compared with 1959. Administrative costs amounted to 15% of the total expenditure.

III - ADMINISTRATION

(a) Board of Poor Law Commissioners and Local Boards

During this year there were two changes in the membership of the Board. Canon R. Grey was appointed in place of Canon H.E. Worlledge who resigned on the ground of ill-health and Pandit M.P. Sharma took the place of Rev. R.S. Russell who left the country.

The personnel of the Board is as follows:-

- I.R.B. Robinson, Esq., E.D., Social Welfare Officer -
Chairman
- Dr. L.S. Jaikaran, Medical Officer, "The Palms" -
Vice-Chairman
- Mrs. A. Singh, M.B.E.
- Miss G.H. Collins
- Very Rev. Fr. P. McCaffrey, S.J.
- Canon R. Grey
- Moulvi N.A. Nagir
- Pandit M.P. Sharma
- Major M.J. de Boer, Divisional Commander, Salvation Army.

Mr. I.R.B. Robinson, Chairman proceeded on vacation leave on 16th September, 1960 and Mr. F.C.R. Pollard, acting Social Welfare Officer, was appointed to act as Chairman.

The Board meets each month to consider applications for Public Assistance, claims from persons residing in Georgetown for Old Age Pensions, applications for special grants to purchase spectacles, artificial limbs, etc., and matters connected with the administration of "The Palms".

The District Local Boards of the 19 Social Assistance districts into which the country is divided also meet regularly to consider similar applications and make recommendations to the central Board in the cases of persons applying for special grants. The Chairman of each district board is a public officer, usually the Assistant District Commissioner.

The Central Board has the power to alter the amount of Public Assistance provided by the district Boards, direct it to be discontinued, or direct that any relief discontinued be restored.

In the case of Old Age Pension, the Central Board and the Local Boards function independently as the "Appropriate Authority" under the Old Age Pension Ordinance, Chapter 63. Rejected claimants have the right to appeal to an independent Statutory Appeal Board.

(b) Staff of the Department

The executive functions of the Board of Poor Law Commissioners and Local District Boards are performed by the following staff:-

Secretary, Poor Law Commissioners and Superintendent, "The Palms"	1
Assistant Secretary, Poor Law Commissioners	1
Clerical Establishment	7
Public Assistance Officers	27
3 Supervisors	
11 Senior Officers	
13 Officers	
<u>27</u>	

Child Welfare Officer	1
Messenger	1
<u>"The Palms"</u>	
Warden	1
Issuer	1
Clerk	1
Ward Sisters	8
Staff Nurses, Uncertified Nurses, Nurses' Aides	81
Seamstresses, Ward Maids, Laun- dresses, Gatemen, Cooks, Porters, Carpenters	51
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(The Medical Officer, Dispenser and Matron of "The Palms" are members of the staff of the Medical Department)

It is the duty of Public Assistance Officers to make full and careful enquiries into the circumstances of all applicants for Public Assistance and claimants for Old Age Pension. They furnish written reports on each application and claim to the Board of the District to which they are attached for consideration and decision.

Records and accounts are centralized in Georgetown by Head Office Staff, but district officers are also required to keep local records of cases and transactions of their Boards.

(c) Staff Changes

Miss S.A. Christiani assumed duty on 1st March, 1960 from the Chief Secretary's Office vice Miss D.J. Gill who resigned with effect from 18th February, 1960.

Mr. A.I. Carroll was appointed Warden, "The Palms" with effect from 1st March, 1960 vice Mr. O.G. Dennison retired.

Mr. D. Lord, was appointed Issuer "The Palms" with effect from 1st March, 1960 vice Mr. A.I. Carroll promoted.

Mr. F.R. Foo was appointed Temporary Class II Clerk with effect from 19th May, 1960 vice Mr. L.C. Romalho on vacation leave.

Miss D.A. Bourne assumed duty on 16th June, 1960 from the Land Development Department vice Miss H.A. Deane transferred to the Civil Aviation Department.

Miss D.E. Collins, Woman Child Welfare Officer was granted study leave with effect from 30th July, 1960 to pursue a 2-year course in Social Development at the University College of Swansea, Wales.

Consequently, Miss P. Massáy was appointed to act as Woman Child Welfare Officer with effect from 1st August, 1960.

It is with regret that the death of Mr. Nazim Khan, Senior Public Assistance Officer on 5th August, 1960 is reported.

Mr. W.J. Matthews was appointed Senior Public Assistance Officer with effect from 6th August, 1960 vice Mr. Nazim Khan deceased.

/ The following

The following officers were on vacation leave during the year:-

Messrs. L.C. Romalho, A. Choy, S. Anand, G. Kerrutt, and W.A. Barrington.

Mr. J.R. Katchay, Public Assistance Officer was appointed Senior Public Assistance Officer with effect from 1st October, 1960 vice Mr. H.R. Sahadeo, dismissed.

The following Staff Nurses, "The Palms" were appointed to act as Ward Sisters:-

Mrs. B. Matthews vice Miss G. Rupert retired with effect from 1st January, 1960

Mrs. L. Witter, vice Miss W.E. Seibs on pre-retirement leave with effect from 1st January, 1960

Mrs. N. Nials vice Miss C.V. Wilson, retired with effect from 1st October, 1960

Mrs. R. Perreira vice Miss M.N. Simmons with effect from 11th October, 1960

Miss M. Simmons to act Junior Departmental Sister vice Miss G. Rupert with effect from 11th October, 1960

Mrs. Rita Charles, S.R.N., S.C.M., was appointed Temporary Departmental Sister "The Palms", vice Miss A. Too-Chung on vacation leave.

IV - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) Public Assistance.

The payment of monthly cash grants is the principal form of Public Assistance given both in Georgetown and the country districts.

The rates are:-

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Georgetown	\$4.00	\$7.50
Other Districts	\$3.00	\$5.50

Public Assistance is normally granted to persons destitute from specific causes including sickness, incapacity from blindness or loss of a limb and lack of resources because of the death of the bread-winner in the family and the insufficiency of the earnings of the other members of the family.

The means test applied to applicants is \$12.00 a month for Georgetown and \$10.00 a month for other districts. A woman who is head of the household and is working for wages less than \$12.00 a month may be granted assistance in respect of each dependent child.

During the year 3,246 families applied for Public Assistance with the following results:-

Applications	-	Approved	1,795
		Rejected	854
		Pending at 31st December, 1960	597

Applications are approved for periods ranging from 3 months to a year. At the end of the period the cases are reviewed to determine whether the circumstances still merit the grant of assistance. A total of 3,893 cases were reviewed by the Boards as a result of which 1,330 were discontinued because of improved circumstances and the remainder.

remainder allowed to continue for further specified periods. Two hundred and forty-one persons in receipt of Public Assistance attained the age of 65 years, and were transferred to the Old Age Pension Register.

As indicated in the following table, there has been an increase of 876 families in the care of the Department in the past three years.

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Georgetown	1,490	1,604	1,512
Demerara (including Georgetown)	2,135	2,331	2,578
Berbice	1,143	1,532	1,478
Essequibo (including Essequibo Islands)	<u>644</u>	<u>709</u>	<u>720</u>
	<u>5,412</u>	<u>6,176</u>	<u>6,288</u>

At the end of 1960 there were 6,288 families comprising 4,194 adults and 6,115 children in British Guiana receiving financial assistance because of poverty and distress.

(b) Old Age Pension

Under the non-contributory Old Age Pension Scheme which came into operation in 1945, persons resident in Georgetown are granted a pension of \$7.50 a month and those in other districts \$5.50 a month.

In order to qualify for an Old Age Pension a claimant must be 65 years of age or over. He must have been a British subject for at least 10 years and resident in British Guiana for twenty years immediately preceding the claim. He is not disqualified on this ground if he was temporarily absent from the country for an aggregate period not exceeding two years. Finally his monthly income as calculated under the Old Age Pension Ordinance, Chapter 63 must not exceed \$12.00 in Georgetown and \$10.00 in other districts. Pensions are not paid to persons in public or charitable institutions which provide board or lodging without charge, in prisons or absent from the country. All these conditions apply equally to women as to men.

At the 31st December, 1959 there was a total of 13,147 persons on the pensions Register. During the year 1960, 1,503 persons were added making a total of 14,650 the number taken off through death or disqualification was 1,186 leaving 13,464 pensioners on the Register at the end of the year. There was therefore an increase of 317 over the 1959 total.

During the year 1960 a total of 2,073 claims were received by the Department. Of these 1,503 were approved and 382 rejected and the remainder of 188 were pending at the end of the year.

The following table shows the number of pensioners on the register for the past three years:-

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Georgetown	4,368	4,454	4,545
Demerara (including Georgetown)	4,549	4,570	4,781
Essequibo (including Essequibo Islands)	1,343	1,354	1,369
Berbice	2,554	2,769	2,769
	<u>12,814</u>	<u>13,147</u>	<u>13,464</u>

Appeal Board

The membership of the Appeal Board remained the same as in previous years. The personnel is as follows:-

- The Solicitor-General - Chairman
- The Crown Solicitor
- The Deputy Director of Medical Services
- The Social Welfare Officer
- The Mayor of Georgetown; with
- The Secretary, Poor Law Commissioners, who performs the duties of Secretary to the Board.

The Board met on three occasions during the year and heard 42 (forty-two) appeals from decisions of Appropriate Authorities. Ten (10) were allowed, thirty (30) dismissed and the remaining two (2) deferred.

(c) Other forms of assistance

The Poor Law Commissioners approved other forms of assistance as follows:-

- (i) free burial to persons whose relatives were unable to pay. This service cost \$1,110 against \$1,330 for the year 1959;
- (ii) free passages to stranded persons to return to their homes and to seek medical treatment and advice. These were valued at \$1,990, a decrease of \$860 on the amount spent for this purpose in 1959;
- ((iii) the provision of spectacles to 15 school children who needed them to overcome the handicap of defective vision; artificial legs to 4 adults, specially built boots for 3 persons and part-cost of a hearing-aid for one adult for rehabilitative purposes;
- (iv) two wheel chairs for invalided adults.

Medical treatment and medicines are supplied free of cost, by the Medical Department to persons recommended by the Department, and free summonses are issued by Magistrates Courts to wives and mothers applying for maintenance and affiliation orders. Recommendations for the issue of summonses are only made after attempts at reconciliation or efforts to persuade husbands and fathers to maintain their families have failed.

V - CHILD WELFARE

On the 1st January, 1960 there were 1,392 in 548 families receiving Public Assistance. During the year, 324 children in 136 families were granted Public Assistance and 446 in 153 families were discontinued. At the end of the year there were 1,263 children in 531 families receiving Public Assistance.

Discontinuance of Public Assistance was due to improved or changed circumstances, removal from the district, death or children attaining the age of fourteen years and leaving school.

Visits were paid to homes of families who receive Public Assistance for their children and to the guardians of the Beneficiaries of the Mitchell Trust Fund.

School clothing (shirts, trousers, kimonas, blouses, skirts etc.) was distributed to children attending the various schools. On a thousand, six hundred and twenty one (1,621) children received clothing.

(b) Adoption of children

The Adoption Board which is the statutory authority for arranging the legal adoption of children in British Guiana was established in 1957 under the chairmanship of a retired Judge of the Supreme Court. The duties of Secretary are performed by the Secretary, Poor Law Commissioners.

It is the duty of the Board -

- (a) to receive applications from parents, guardians and adopters in respect of the adoption of children;
- (b) to make such investigations concerning the adoption of children for the consideration of the court as may be prescribed; and
- (c) to act as guardian ad litem of any child in respect of whom an adoption order is sought.

During 1959, 47 applications were received. The Board was appointed guardian ad litem in 34 cases which were considered at five meetings of the Board and dealt with as follows:-

Applications recommended and granted by the Supreme Court	33
Rejected	1
Handed over by the Board for probationary period of six months	1
Pending consideration at 31.12.60	<u>12</u> 47

Investigations and visits in respect of adoption applications were carried out by officers of the Social Assistance Department and District Probation Officers whose assistance in this regard is gratefully acknowledged by the Board.

VI - THE PALMS.

"The Palms" may be described as a Welfare Institution catering for the chronically ill and infirm, destitute and homeless individuals being for the most part aged people who cannot support themselves in the community.

Accommodation and strength

Three hundred and fifty-two beds are available for the chronic sick in six hospital wards and 234 ambulant persons may be accommodated in four other wards making a total of 586 to whom indoor relief may be extended.

At the beginning of the year 1960 there were 561 residents. Three hundred and twenty-seven were admitted in 1961 making a total of 888. One hundred and twenty-four (124) residents were discharged and 203 died leaving 561 residents in the Institution at 31st December, 1960. The daily average number of residents was 575 compared with 564 in 1959. Of this number 340 or 61% were in the Hospital wards. The cost of maintaining each resident rose from \$1.46 a day in 1959 to \$1.52 a day during 1960.

Staffing

The nursing staff at the beginning of the year comprised 8 Ward Sisters, 24 staff nurses (trained), 42 untrained nurses and 15 Ward-Orderlies under the direct control and supervision of a Matron who is assisted by a Junior Departmental Sister. Other staff include the Warden who is responsible to the Superintendent for the maintenance of good order and discipline in the Institution, the Issuer, Clerk and domestic staff numbering 51.

During the year it was decided to amalgamate the posts of untrained nurse and ward-orderly into one grade of Nurse-aide with the same duties and conditions of service. This decision has given the administration more scope for the operation of the three-shift system of duty. Hitherto, ward-orderlies were not required to work at nights.

Welfare of Residents

The administration continued during the year to provide an environment for the residents which is conducive to wholesome and happy living. To this end, the wards are made as cheerful as possible with decorations made by the nursing staff and the residents themselves. A wide variety of entertainment is provided. Concerts and film-shows, listening to the wireless, regular bus outings are all looked forward to with enthusiasm. Games tournaments with outside groups is the favourite pastime of the male residents.

Many residents take part in activities of a vocational nature. Nearly all the residents who are blind attend the "School for the Blind" and are engaged in handicraft including the making of mats, blinds and other useful articles.

Tribute must be paid to the many religious and welfare organisations who bring cheer and happiness to the residents, the Police Band which provided regular musical concerts, the management of the East Bank Bus company who have taken residents for outings to Atkinson Field and to the scores of regular visitors who help to make their lives more meaningful.

Staff Welfare

The Staff Council met monthly during the year and continued to provide a useful link between the administration and staff, whose representatives on the council are elected by their respective sections. The Superintendent, Warden and Matron represent the administration. Through free discussions of staff-

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staff-problems and matters affecting the smooth functioning of the work of the Institution, a high standard of personal relationships was maintained throughout the year.

A good understanding also existed between the Superintendent and representatives of the Medical Employees' Union with whom the working conditions of subordinate staff were discussed from time to time.

Co-operative Society

The Co-operative Thrift Society organised for the benefit of the staff of the Department continued to thrive. The membership increased by one - from 95 at the end of 1959 to 96 at the end of 1960. During 1960, eighty-one (81) loans totalling \$10,708.60 were granted to members. Loan repayments were in accordance with loan bonds. The cash in the Bank at the end of the year was \$2,115.63 and an amount of \$6,815.42 was invested with the New Building Society Ltd. The loans were granted for the purpose of purchasing houses, land and furniture.

Resident Labour

The compound and wards were kept clean with the assistance of some of the residents. Resident labour is however, not constant because of age and health factors.

Mental Patients

The Department continued to be responsible for the care of mental patients transferred to the Mental Hospital, Berbice from the Public Hospital, Georgetown. 44 trips were made during the year as compared with 60 in 1959.

Official Visits

10th March, 1960 - Rev. C.M. Ward, Chief Evangelist
Assemblies of God, United States of America.

29th November, 1960 - Lady E. Grey accompanied by
Major the Honourable C.V.C. Herbert, A.D.C.

24th December, 1960 - His Excellency Sir Ralph Grey,
K.C.M.G. accompanied by Major the Honourable C.V.C.
Herbert, A.D.C., the Chairman and Members of the Board
of Poor Law Commissioners.

VII - GENERAL

The report on the work of the Social Assistance Department for the year 1960 would be incomplete without reference to the valuable work being done by voluntary organisations in the country for the relief of distress. Hundreds of families would be much the poorer without their friendly and practical help given all year round. The Department has continued its close and happy relationship with these organisations. The subventions granted by Government to four of them to assist in running Institutions for the poor and orphanages are administered by the Department.

On behalf of the Poor Law Commissioners, I wish to record their appreciation of the Services rendered during 1960 by a loyal and devoted staff who worked hard to keep pace with the steady increase of appeals for assistance from those in need.

TABLE I

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR 1960

<u>Service</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	
<u>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT</u>		
Salaries:-		
Secretary, Poor Law Commissioners and Superintendent, "The Palms" (half salary)	\$ 2,670	
Assistant Secretary, Poor Law Commissioners	3,540	
Clerical Establishment	13,210	
Public Assistance Officers	71,450	
Child Welfare Officer	2,360	
Messenger	<u>1,240</u>	\$94,470
Travelling Expenses	22,370	
Miscellaneous	<u>750</u>	23,620
<u>"THE PALMS"</u>		
Salaries (including Nurses & Servants)	165,480	
Maintenance	<u>152,930</u>	318,410
<u>OUTDOOR RELIEF</u>		
Georgetown	133,060	
Demerara (other than Georgetown)	158,120	
Essequibo	49,090	
Berbice	<u>99,530</u>	
	439,800	
Conveyance of Mental Patients and Lepers	<u>720</u>	440,520
<u>GRANTS TO INSTITUTIONS</u>		
Ursaline Convent for St. Ann's Orphanage	2,800	
Plaisance Orphanage for Boys	2,000	
Dharam Shala	10,000	
African Development Association	<u>80</u>	14,880
<u>OLD AGE PENSIONS</u>		
Georgetown	361,750	
Demerara (other than Georgetown)	309,770	
Essequibo	90,570	
Berbice	183,870	945,960
		<u>\$1,837,860</u>

TABLE II

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE ON "THE PALMS" FOR THE YEAR 1960		
<u>Salaries:</u>		
Superintendent (half-salary)	\$ 2,670	
Warden	3,250	
Issuer	2,490	
Clerk, "The Palms"	1,620	
Ward Sisters	14,840	
Nurses and Servants	<u>140,610</u>	\$165,480
<u>Other Charges</u>		
Dietary	110,200	
Tobacco and Extras	4,460	
Clothing for Nurses and Servants	5,930	
Fuel, Light and Sanitation	8,350	
Furniture and Equipment	700	
Funerals	1,890	
Meals for Nurses	11,480	
Upkeep of Grounds	1,030	
Miscellaneous	<u>720</u>	151,290
<u>Extraordinary</u>		
Purchase of Equipment	<u>1,640</u>	<u>1,640</u>
		\$318,410
Add - Value of Free Goods and Services, Rent of Telephone		570
		<u>\$318,980</u>
Less - Receipts for maintenance of resi- dents and sale of empty con- tainers.		260
		<u>\$318,720</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF CASES, ADULTS, CHILDREN, AND
ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1958

/-----1958-----1959

DISTRICTS	No. of Cases	No. of Adults	No. of Children	Total No. of individuals	No. of Cases	No. of Adults
GEORGETOWN	1,490	1,043	1,272	2,315	1,604	1,112
<u>DEMERARA:</u>						
West Coast	435	309	329	638	483	339
West Bank	260	160	330	490	274	188
Demerara River	143	93	154	247	112	77
East Bank	305	163	356	519	431	220
Plaisance	242	122	277	399	270	143
Buxton	292	196	259	455	314	220
Belfield	312	191	374	565	305	202
Mahaicony	146	75	191	266	142	68
	<u>2,135</u>	<u>1,309</u>	<u>2,270</u>	<u>3,579</u>	<u>2,331</u>	<u>1,457</u>
<u>ESSEQUIBO:</u>						
North West Dis- trict (including Acquero	44	16	82	98	66	31
Pomeroon	46	34	55	89	50	37
North Essequibo	155	122	143	265	161	125
South Essequibo	194	150	157	307	224	184
Wakenaam	81	66	55	121	73	55
Leguan	94	70	95	165	92	66
Bartica	30	19	28	47	43	26
	<u>644</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>615</u>	<u>1,092</u>	<u>709</u>	<u>524</u>
<u>BERBICE:</u>						
West Coast	202	115	209	324	210	117
Berbice River	80	56	63	119	96	68
New Amsterdam	194	133	162	295	232	160
Lower Corentyne	476	273	543	816	770	515
Upper Corentyne	191	115	220	335	224	130
	<u>1,143</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>1,889</u>	<u>1,532</u>	<u>990</u>
TOTAL IN THE 3 COUNTIES	3,922	2,478	4,082	6,560	4,575	2,971
GOERGETOWN	1,490	1,043	1,272	2,315	1,604	1,112
GRAND TOTAL	5,412	3,521	5,354	8,875	6,176	4,083

III

TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
1959, AND 1960.

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No. of children	No. of individuals	No of Cases	No. of Adults	No. of children	No. of individuals
1,392	2,504	1,512	1,066	1,257	2,323
423	772	541	368	466	834
303	491	309	214	349	563
102	179	121	93	114	207
592	812	518	282	689	971
300	443	315	173	369	542
259	479	321	219	261	560
287	489	300	198	288	486
214	282	153	66	242	308
2,490	3,947	2,578	1,613	2,778	4,491
109	140	74	30	120	150
75	112	49	35	68	103
146	271	161	125	120	245
172	356	210	179	128	307
54	109	84	56	83	119
91	157	92	63	124	187
39	65	50	31	44	75
686	1,210	720	519	687	1,206
221	338	211	107	245	352
79	147	112	76	113	189
199	359	239	182	179	361
773	1,288	657	481	527	1,008
268	398	259	150	329	479
1,540	2,530	1,478	996	1,393	2,389
4,716	7,687	4,776	3,128	4,858	8,086
1,392	2,504	1,512	1,066	1,257	2,323
6,108	10,191	6,288	4,194	6,115	10,409

TABLE IV

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NUMBER OF EFFECTIVE PENSIONERS
ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1958, 1959, 1960

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>Number of pensioners on Register</u>		
	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
GEORGETOWN	4,368	4,454	4,545
<u>DEMERARA:</u>			
West Coast	829	850	856
West Bank	652	668	712
Demerara River	230	201	238
East Bank	551	582	652
Buxton	678	680	687
Plaisance	592	606	633
Belfield	715	694	692
Mahaicony	302	289	311
	4,549	4,570	4,781
<u>ESSEQUIBO</u>			
North West (ncluding Acquero)	89	105	106
Pomeroon	149	133	131
North Essequibo	296	288	299
South Essequibo	325	324	339
Wakenaam	231	241	232
Leguan	129	135	133
Mazaruni/Potaro/Bartica	124	128	129
	1,343	1,354	1,369
<u>BERBICE</u>			
West Coast	569	580	600
Berbice River	216	251	221
New Amsterdam and) Lower Corentyne)	1,350	1,507	1,499
Upper Corentyne	419	441	449
	2,554	2,779	2,769
TOTAL IN ALL 3 COUNTIES	8,446	8,703	8,919
GEORGETOWN	4,368	4,454	4,545
GRAND TOTAL	12,814	13,157	13,464

TABLE V

RETURNS SHOWING THE DISTRICTS FROM WHICH RESIDENTS AT "THE PALMS"
WERE ADMITTED DURING 1960

The City of Georgetown is shown separately.

	Males	Females	Total	%
City of Georgetown	83	72	155	47
Demerara	69	42	111	34
Berbice	20	16	36	11
Essequibo	22	3	25	8
Total	216	157	373	100

TABLE VI

RETURN SHOWING THE ADMISSIONS INTO "THE PALMS" DURING THE YEAR
THE NUMBER DISCHARGED FOR VARIOUS REASONS, DIED AND REMAINING
IN THE INSTITUTIONS ON THE 31ST DECEMBER,
1960.

	Males	Females	Total
In the Institution on 1.1.60	285	276	561
Admitted during 1960	194	133	327
	479	409	888
<u>Discharged:</u>			
Own Request	44	8	52
Relatives Request	6	14	20
Public Hospital, Georgetown	27	9	36
Best Hospital	1	-	1
Magistrate's Order	1	-	1
Superintendent's Order	1	-	1
Absconded	10	3	13
	90	34	124
Died	105	98	203
	195	132	327
Remaining	284	277	561
	479	409	888

Percentage:-

Discharges	14%
Deaths	23%
Remaining	63%
	<u>100%</u>

Average:-

Daily	290	285	575
Infirmiry Wards	159	190	349

TABLE VII

RETURN SHOWING THE ADMISSIONS, DEATHS, DISCHARGES AND AVERAGE NUMBER AT "THE PALMS" IN 1957, 1958 and 1959.

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Daily average number of residents at "The Palms"	558	564	575
Average number in infirmary wards	351	350	349
Number of Deaths	202	221	203
Number of discharges	135	150	124

TABLE VIII

AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER OF RESIDENTS AT "THE PALMS" FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS AND THE AVERAGE COST PER CAPUT

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average Number</u>	<u>Cost per Caput Per Diem</u>
1951	601	81¢
1952	599	92¢
1953	595	90¢
1954	589	\$1.00
1956	580	\$1.25
1957	579	\$1.24
1958	575	\$1.39
1959	558	\$1.47
1960	564	\$1.47