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ASBESTOS, Quebec - May 30 - Tuberculosis is NOT the leading cause of death in the asbestos mining areas, according to Dr. Paul Parrot, Commissioner of the Ministry of Health for the Province of Quebec.

Dr. Parrot emphasized that the mortality from tuberculosis in Thetford Mines and Asbestos is no heavier than in any city.

In response to a request from W. P. Souter, Assistant to the Mine Manager of Canadian Johns-Manville, Dr. Parrot discussed in detail tuberculosis conditions in the Province.

Mr. Souter had requested this information of Dr. Parrot in an effort to clarify certain misunderstandings that followed charges leveled at the asbestos industry during the prolonged strike.

Dr. Parrot's letter was accompanied by a table showing the number of deaths due to various causes in Quebec urban centres. In 1947, the latest figures available, there were 5 deaths from tuberculosis in Asbestos. For the same year, there were 15 deaths from tuberculosis in Valleyfield; 15 tuberculosis deaths in St. Hyacinthe; 32 in Jonquiere and 29 in Thetford Mines.

The complete text of Dr. Parrot's letter appears on the following pages ;

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