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Dr. F. J. Tourangeau, Director
Division of Industrial Hygiene
Minister of Health and Social Welfare
Quebec.

Dear Doctor:

I am returning to you with this letter the written report of Dr. G. M. Wheatley, Assistant Medical Director of the Metropolitan. Thank you for having submitted it to me and I must say that I have gone over this information with the greatest interest.

I have no opinion to give on the conclusions to which this work led, but I wonder if it would not interest you to know that in the mine district of our province, i.e. the communities of Abitibi and Temiscamingue, the specific mortality rate from tuberculosis during the year 1943 has been excessively low. The town of Temiscamingue reached the low rate of 34.8 per 100,000 population and that of Abitibi the rate of 23.5.

Abitibi being principally a mining region, it is pretty satisfying to state that its rate is really much lower than the general rate of the province established for the same year at 82.4.

I believe that you may wish to give this information to Dr. Wheatley who will certainly be interested to draw a complete comparison.

Very truly yours,
The Demographer,

PAUL PARROT, M.D.