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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
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Dear Sir Arthur,

You spoke to me the other day about our operative mortality. We are at present making a careful analysis from every point of view, but in general, if all operative procedures are taken into consideration, during the year 1932 there have been 370 operations with 23 deaths, giving an operative mortality of 6%.

If the 38 encephalograms, in which there were no deaths, be left out, thus including all cases in which there was some type of bona fide operation, the mortality is 8%; that is the operative morality and not the case mortality but it includes all cases that died in hospital after operation. In some cases these patients died from other causes than the direct result of operation. Nevertheless, they have been included in our statistics.

If you are interested I will let you have a copy of our eventual analysis which will take considerable length of time. Perhaps this will be sufficient for the purpose that you had in mind.

Yours sincerely,

WGP/HL.