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CONVENTION FOR LIMITING THE MANUFACTURE AND  
REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS OF 13 JULY 1931  
AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

CANADA

SEIZURE OF 906.3 GRAMMES RAW OPIUM, 51.8 GRAMMES PREPARED OPIUM AND  
0.64 GRAMMES OPIUM GROSS AT TORONTO, ONTARIO, ON AUGUST 13, 1946.

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Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with Article 23 of the Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs of 13 July 1931, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following report on the above mentioned seizure to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the Convention.

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

1. Name of person or persons implicated: Yew Chen Kwong (47); Chan Tin Yee (77);  
Chou Jack (61); Gung Yick Foo (49);  
Sing Foon, Lew (66); Mak Chung Dong (53);  
Chong Wong (62); and Chong Tong Qoen (53)
2. Date of Seizure: 13.8.46.
3. Place of Seizure: Toronto, Ontario.
4. Kind and quantity of Opium drug seized: Raw: 2-1 lb. pcs. ...2 lbs ) Total  
3 small pcs. ...5 grs.) 2 lbs.  
Decks: 16 (19 grs. ea.) 304 grs) 1 lb.  
Pallets: 247 (2 grs. ea.) 494 grs) 366 grs. =  
Dross: ( 2 grs. & 3 grs) 10 grs. (958 grms)  
(0.64 grammes)
5. Act and Section under which charged: O. & N.D. Act; Sec. 4(d) "Illegal Possession of Opium"
6. Result of prosecution:
  - (a) Date sentenced: 9.9.46.
  - (b) Where sentenced: Toronto, Ontario.
  - (c) Sentence: See end of Report.
7. Remarks:

The Magistrate before whom the accused were tried agreed with the remarks of Crown Prosecutor when he said: "It was one of the largest seizures made in years and it was valued at more than \$10,000"

(underworld prices). It appears that accused (Yew Chen Kwong) is the ring leader".

About the middle of June, 1946, it came to the knowledge of Federal Narcotic Authorities that Yew Chen Kwong was bringing to Toronto, Ontario, (allegedly from Montreal, P.C.) fairly large quantities of Opium and selling it to Chinese addicts at \$5.00 a deck; also that he had a permanent room in Toronto which was being used by Actors of a Chinese Benevolent Society, and others, for the purpose of smoking Opium.

During the next few weeks some purchases of Opium at \$5.00 a deck were made from Yew by the friend of an Agent. Through discreet inquiries and continued observation the locale of the alleged trafficking was ascertained. On the evening of August 12, 1946, it was learned that Yew had returned from Montreal with a large quantity of Opium which he would be cooking and decking up at No. 33 Gerrard St. Yew would also be taking some of the Opium to No. 16 Elizabeth St., where, it was gathered, numerous Chinese smoked Opium each night. Both addresses were known to be Chinese Rooming Houses.

The Federal Narcotic Squad was ready to act and, with the very able assistance and splendid cooperation of members of the Toronto City Police Morality Squad, the entrance to No. 33 Gerrard St. was forced and the premises entered at 1.20 a.m., 13th August, 1946. All the rooms were thoroughly searched but only in the room known to be used by Yew was Opium located.

In this room, the door of which had to be forced open, two one pound pieces (906 grammes) of raw opium were found in a paper bag lying on Yew's trunk. There were also in this bag 15 decks of Opium and 230 small pellets of Opium. Numerous sheets of decking paper, Chinese Scale and two Yen Hocks were also discovered. In a suitcase belonging to Yew 99 sheets of Butter Paper were found. This Butter Paper was similar to the paper used for the decks of Opium. From the amount of Raw Opium and smoking paraphernalia found and seized in the room used by Yew (who could not be located at No. 33) there could be no doubt that this Chinaman has been actively engaged in the purchasing and distribution of Opium in Toronto and district. With a view to locating Yew, a raid was immediately carried out at No. 16 Elizabeth Street, entrance to the premises being gained by forcing the front door. This raid was also productive in that further decks of Opium dross and all the necessary paraphernalia for Opium smoking were found. The rooms were very smoky and there was a strong odour of Opium and it was quite evident that the premises had been used as an Opium Smoking Resort. It was at this address that all the accused were apprehended. With the exception of Yew, who was found sitting in the hallway reading a newspaper, subjects were located in one or other of the several rooms in the house.

Each entered a Plea of Not Guilty to a charge of "Illegal Possession". They were duly tried on the 9th of September, 1946, with the following results:-

Yew Chen Kwong:	2 Yrs; \$1000 or 6 Mos.,
Chan Tin Yee:	)
Mak Chung Dong:	)
Chong ong:	) - 6 Mos; \$200 or 1 day
Chong Tong Coen:	)
Chou Jack:	)
Gung Yick Foo:	) - DISMISSED
Sing Foon Lew:	)

From evidence gained at the trial and from admissions on the part of accused, under cross-examination, it was apparent that Yew had been selling Opium in considerable quantities and the sentence imposed is gratifying and bespeaks well of the efforts of the Officers engaged.

In view of the fact that those convicted are reported to be aliens, and are subject to deportations under Section 26 of the Drug Act, particulars of the convictions have been transmitted to the Immigration Authorities.

Yew Chen Kwong was a former Chinese Police Court Interpreter. In 1938 he was acquitted on a charge under the Drug Act. For occupation he is stated to be a "Merchant-Legal Wine Importing Business". Of the others, one is said to be a "Musician"; the remaining six are listed as "Retired".

Concerning source of supply, all that is known at present is that Yew periodically visited Montreal where it is understood he bought Opium for \$4.50 a can. This phase of the matter is still under investigation.

Sgd. K.C. HOSSICK,  
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