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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 DIACETYLMORPHINE MADE AT TORONTO ON 11 FEBRUARY 1947

Report No. 52 Communicated by the Government of Canada
on 3 November 1947

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 seizures to
the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the Convention

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

No. 52

1. Name of person or persons implicated:
 - (i) John Earl HOWARD (occupation: Truck Driver) (Canadian: Irish) (born April 2, 1907)
 - (ii) Adelaid BROOKS (housewife) (Canadian: Scottish) (born Sept. 1, 1915)
 - (iii) Annie ~~KERR~~ (Mrs.) (housewife) (Scottish) (born: April 24, 1882)
2. Date of Seizure: February 11th, 1947
3. Place of Seizure: Toronto, Ont.
4. Kind and quantity of drug seized: Diacetylmorphine: 25 capsules
5. Act and Section under which charged: Opium and Narcotic Drug Act Sec. 4(d) "Illegal possession of Heroin"
6. Results of Prosecutions, at Toronto, Ont., on Feb. 19th, 1947:
 - (i) Howard - sentenced to 2 years; fined \$200 (USA \$200) or 1 month
 - (ii) Brooks - sentenced to 6 months; fined \$200 (USA \$200) or 1 month
 - (iii) Kerr - charge dismissed
7. Remarks:

It was learned on good authority that Howard and the woman Brooks were peddling drugs in the city of Toronto, Ont. Federal and City Police Officers co-operated and soon ascertained Howard's modus operandi. Through an agent it was gathered that Howard had obtained a fresh supply of narcotics on February 11th which he had taken to his hotel room. Officers entered the room by breaking down the door. On seeing the officers Howard jumped up from a bed and grabbed a fingerstall from a table and put it in his mouth. He was seized and the rubber container, in which there were 25 capsules, was recovered. Two other persons were in the room, the woman Brooks and her mother, Mrs. Kerr. All were arrested and charged with results as stated above.

Howard, who is believed to be one of the leaders of a dope ring in the city, fought "like a wounded tiger" for his freedom and the battle took heavy toll of furniture, etc., in the room. After being subdued Howard was taken to hospital for treatment; two officers also suffered injuries which required medical attention; one officer twisted his ankle in the fight, and a companion was bitten on the hand while retrieving the fingerstall from Howard's mouth.

It is the opinion of narcotic operatives that three of the main sources of supplies to addicts have now been closed up.

Howard has a lengthy criminal record dating back to 1924, but this is his first conviction for an offence under the Drug Act. His record

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also shows a conviction in the U.S.A. as under:

"1936: May 15th: Erie Co. Court, Buffalo, N.Y.: Forged and uttered
two cheques - 5 years, as Earl Howard, Attica St. Prison
(¹/₁₁T-3613)"

JS/JC
Ottawa, Ont.
November 1, 1947

(signed) K. C. Hossick
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Chief, Narcotic Division
