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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 6.9 GRAMMES OPIUM AT VANCOUVER, B.C.
ON FEBRUARY 26, 1946

Report No. 18 communicated by the Government of Canada
November 29, 1946

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: Thomas W. Madison, Canadian, (b.2.7.1921)
Edward McRae, Canadian (b.21.12.07)
Jack Mah Toy, Chinese (b.2.12.1924)
2. Date of Seizure: 26.2.46.
3. Place of Seizure: Vancouver, B.C.
4. Kind and quantity of drug seized: 13 Decks of Opium (net weight 6 grs. each) = 108 grs. (6.9 grammes)
5. Act and Section under which charged: O. & N.D. Act, Sec. 4(d) "Possession of Opium".
6. Result of prosecution:
 - (a) Date sentenced: 26.4.46.
 - (b) Where sentenced: Vancouver, B.C.
 - (c) Sentence: Madison: 2 years, fined \$200 or 15 days in default of payment of fine (to date from 1st May 1946).
McRae & Toy: Dismissed.
7. Remarks:

A 1931 Chevrolet Coach driven by Madison was stopped at 1.05 a.m. on February 26th, 1946, by two officers of the Vancouver City Police who were patrolling Chinatown in a prowler car. Madison was

questioned and a search conducted. In his clothing were found 18 small packages or decks containing a brown substance which, upon analysis, turned out to be Opium. Madison would not say where he obtained this Opium. In the car with Madison at the time were two well known addicts, McRae and Toy. Toy, on being asked whether he had decks similar to those found on Madison, replied "No, he had them all". McRae would make no statement. Federal Authorities took over from the City Police and the trio were charged with "Illegal Possession", being brought to trial on the 26th April, 1946. Madison, who pleaded Guilty, was sentenced as stated. The charges against both McRae and Toy were dismissed. The car, which was used by Madison in transporting the Opium, was confiscated under Section 21 of the Drug Act, later being sold to the highest bidder.

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