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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

SEIZURES OF 2.89 GRAMMES OF OPIUM AND 0.38 GRAMME OF CODEINE AT VAN-  
COUVER, B.C. ON 15 JULY AND 6 SEPTEMBER 1946.

Report No. 26 communicated by the Government of Canada,  
February 11, 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.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

1. Name of person or persons implicated: Benjamin Foster, Canadian  
(b. 28.6. 1923)
2. Date of Seizure: (i) 15.7.46.  
(ii) 6.9.46.
3. Place of Seizure: Vancouver, B.C.
4. Kind and quantity of drug seized: (i) Opium - 9 decks - 45 grains  
(2.89 grammes)  
(ii) Codeine - 6 tablets - 6 grains  
(0.38 gramma)
5. Act and Section under which charged: O. & N.D. Act, Sec. 4(d) (i) Possession of Opium (ii) Possession of Codeine.
6. Result of prosecution:
  - (a) Date sentenced: 8 Oct. 1946
  - (b) Where sentenced: Vancouver, B.C.
  - (c) Sentence: (i) Opium charge: - 2 yrs. fine \$200 or 30 days.  
(ii) Codeine charge - 6 months, fine \$200 or one month (concurrent with previous sentence)
7. Remarks:

From information received early in July, 1946, it was learned that Foster was selling opium by the deck. It was believed he was obtaining his supplies from a well known criminal addict named William H. Redmond (subject of a separate report, No. 27). As a

result of surveillance he was picked up on July 15, 1946 and searched, a paper package containing nine decks of opium (45 grains) (2.89 grammes) being found behind the waist band of his trousers. He was arrested, charged and duly warned. He refused to say where he was getting his Opium supplies. It was while out on bail awaiting trial that he was suspected of again trafficking in narcotics and as a result of a search of his room at 2.30 a.m. on the 6th Sept. 1946, six tablets of Codeine (6 grains) (0.38 gramme) were found in a dresser drawer. He was re-arrested and charged with illegal possession of Codeine. Result of trial as shown above.

Subject has previously been convicted for B. and E., also for theft.

The origin of the drugs seized is still under enquiry.

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