

OPIUM JOINTS

1908: Opium Act prohibits the import, manufacture, and selling of opium in Canada.

1920s: Opium-related offences become an important part of the campaign to restrict Chinese immigration.

ARRESTS FOR OPIUM-RELATED OFFENCES IN TORONTO*



“Opium Joints: Heavy penalties, and deportation of foreigners upon conviction, has almost eliminated this offence.”

- Annual Report of the Toronto City Constable, 1923

GAMBLING

1892: The Canadian Criminal Code includes a series of gambling offences under a section titled “Offences against Religion, Morals and Public Convenience.”

1922: A new federal offence is created for betting on ice games, shell games, punchboards, coin tables, or wheels of fortune.

“Chinese and other foreigners find their chief amusement in gambling, generally on Sundays. When convictions are obtained they pay a heavy penalty for so doing.”

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