

Yours faithfully,
W.J. Carew
Secretary

The Secretary of
The National Convention.

January 3, 1948.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of December 5 to the Secretary for Finance, enclosing seven questions relating to revenue asked by Major Cashin in public session of the Convention and approved by the Information Committee. I attach, as Enclosure I, the answers to questions 1-6 insofar as they relate to revenue collected by this government in 1946-7.

Those parts of questions 1-6 which relate to revenue collections in the event of Newfoundland becoming a province of Canada, and the whole of question 7, have been referred to the Canadian government. I attach, as Enclosure II, a copy of the replies furnished by that government.

Yours faithfully,
W.J. Carew
Secretary.

Capt. W. Gordon Warren, R.A.,
Secretary,
The National Convention.

Enclosure I

Replies to Major Cashin's Questions of 4 December, 1947, relating to Revenues collected by the Government of Newfoundland in 1946-47.

1. The total taxes collected by the Assessor's Department for the year 1946-47 were as follows:

Personal income tax	\$ 2,798,019
Corporation income tax	7,157,340
Withholding tax on dividends and interest paid to non-residents	596,030
Death duty	193,880
Other revenue	47,645
Total net revenue	\$10,792,914

2. The total customs duties on goods imported from all countries during 1946-47 was \$18,713,607. Information is not available as to the amounts collected on imports from particular countries. A very rough approximation may be secured by applying the average rate of duty to the quantity of goods imported from particular countries,

and on this basis the figures required would be, approximately:

Duty on imports from Canada	\$10,800,000
" " " " USA	6,500,000
" " " " UK	1,000,000
" " " Other countries	400,000

3. Import duties on liquors imported during 1946-47 were as follows:

From the United Kingdom	\$ 147,054
" Canada	292,408
" USA	101,754
" Other countries	793,194

4. The import duties collected on tobaccos, cigarettes, and cigars in the year 1946-47 were:

From USA	\$ 2,343,568
" United Kingdom	16,563
" Canada	105,986
" Other countries	15,348

5. The excise taxes collected during the year 1946-47 were as follows:

On beers	\$ 231,831
" tobaccos	426,135
" cigarettes	766,100
" butterine (duty removed with effect	304,165

from 9.11 .46. The total therefore represents collections for the period 1 April to 8 November, 1946)

6. The total revenue collected by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in 1946-47 was \$1,594,820.10.

Enclosure II

December 30, 1947.

Answers by the Canadian Government to parts of certain questions forwarded by His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland on behalf of the National Convention of Newfoundland by letter under date of December 9, 1947

Question 1:

What was the total amount of taxes collected from the people of Newfoundland for the fiscal year 1946-47 under the following headings:

(a) Personal Income Tax (b) Corporate Income Tax and (c) Death Duties.

In the event of Newfoundland becoming a Province of Canada, what would be the comparative taxes collected by the federal