

total for that department's revenue is \$180,500.

Now we come to the Department of Public Works, which is page 12 in the estimates. No. 1, Revenue, they now estimate \$35,000, but that is for the supply of printing and office equipment, etc., to all departments of the government, but as some of these departments would not be provincial but would be federal, naturally our provincial Department of Public Works would not supply them, or get revenue less than it now gets because there would be fewer departments, so I have cut that in three, and made it \$11,900.

No. 2, Licenses for motor vehicles, drivers licenses, etc., \$325,000; that calls for a little explanation. That is licenses for motor vehicles, cars, trucks, bikes and buses, drivers' licenses etc. In 1945-46 the actual amount of revenue that the government got under those headings was \$182,000, but this year they have estimated for \$200,000, and they have actually taken in over \$260,000 already.... The revenue from motor licenses and drivers' licenses is shooting up as more roads are built and more motor cars and trucks and buses are coming into use. More people are driving, more licenses are paid, and revenue is going up very rapidly under that heading, and so, for the first four years of union, I have put it down at an average of \$325,000 a year from motor vehicular and drivers' licenses.

Item no. 3 is examination fees for drivers' licenses. I have left it at \$300. I might have put it up a bit, but I did not. Item no. 4 is payments from the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation for roads on Bell Island, that's \$4,000, and I have left it at \$4,000. Number 8 is fees for inspection of boilers and machinery. I have increased that only \$500 for the four years. Number 9 is rentals of mineral leases, royalties, etc., \$90,000, and if I had anything to do with the Government of Newfoundland I guarantee you now that by the time we had spent four years in union that would be easily a lot more than \$90,000, but I am leaving the figure that the government gives. It is scandalous and it is disgraceful that it is only \$90,000. Number 10, mining prospectors' licenses, \$500. The grand total revenue for the Department of Public Works is \$439,800. Has everyone got that down?

Then we come to the Department of Public Health and Welfare, on page 13 of the estimates, and I have taken the whole revenue, \$327,500,

with the exception of one item, no. 6, the receipts from the merchant navy hospital, \$15,000, which the province would not get. That would go to the federal government ... so the amount is \$312,500. The Board of Liquor Control I have got down at \$1 million.

Now the next item is gasoline tax. I don't know if the House is familiar with it, but some amazing things are happening in this country in connection with gasoline. I suppose it is due to the fact that more roads are being built, and that roads are being made better, but the income of the government from gasoline is shooting sky high. I will give you an example. The revenue from gasoline at the present time is got from customs duty. They collect one cent a gallon on fishermen's gas, 14 cents a gallon on ordinary gasoline off the Avalon Peninsula, and 16 cents a gallon on the Avalon Peninsula, and the total amount in 1941-42 was \$600,000. Last year, it was getting up towards \$1 million. The exact amount was \$922,000.

Mr. Cashin On gasoline alone?

Mr. Smallwood Yes, on gasoline alone, not counting kerosene, or fuel oil and bunker oil or anything of that character, and it is not counting gasoline imported into Gander for use by transatlantic or any other aircraft. That is revenue collected in that one year just on gasoline, and so I have put what I claim to be a most modest figure.... Of course under confederation we would not collect any customs duties on gasoline, but we would substitute a gasoline tax, a direct gasoline tax. Now in my estimate I did not include any tax whatever on fishermen's gasoline, or what is commonly known as "Acto". I think that as that gasoline enters directly and basically into two of the basic industries of the country, that that gasoline ought not to have any tax whatsoever so far as customs duty is concerned.

Mr. Hollett Is it paying anything now?

Mr. Smallwood Yes, one cent a gallon. I think that should be completely free of tax by leaving out fishermen's gas and industrial gas, which is quite a lot different from the gas we have in this chamber, which is not very industrious or industrial either, but taking ordinary gas used in motor cars, trucks, buses, motor cycles and the like, the figure for the first four years of union, \$1 million a year revenue from gasoline is, I hold, a modest and conservative estimate. And the total