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HONGKONG.

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COMMODITY SUPPLY & PRICES.

(1) Although the usual supply of cigarettes was issued to the authorised depots for sale to the public, it is still very difficult for some of the people to obtain their supply from the dealers. Cigarettes sold at above official prices are, however, abundant in the market. The rates are said to be as follows: Pirates, MY2 per packet; Ruby Queen, MY1.80; Royal Leaf, MY1.60; May Blossom MY1.40. (14 JUL 44).

(2) The unfavourable weather during the past week, in addition to the typhoon which passed HONGKONG on Saturday, has greatly disrupted sea transportation, thus resulting in a considerable increase in the price of various commodities especially in that of daily foodstuffs and marine products. A visit to the markets yesterday revealed that all fish stalls were practically empty as were the meat stalls. Only a few small fish were displayed for sale, and even these were sold at remarkably high price. (24 JUL 44).

(3) - Rice (superior quality)	per catty	MY9.00
Rice (Kum Fung Suot - 金風雪)	-do-	8.10
Potatoes	-do-	4.80
Sweet potatoes (best quality)	-do-	3.60
Sweet potatoes (inferior quality)	-do-	2/2.80
White beans	-do-	11.00
Fish (garoupa)	-do-	40.00
Fish (Chinese mackerel)	-do-	16.00

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IMPORT & EXPORT TRADE.

Having passed through the experimental stages, Hongkong's trade and commerce, mainly consisting of the importing and exporting of goods and merchandise, has been firmly established with the recent formation of the Hongkong Trading Syndicate which has over 94 firms as members, the leading ones of which are the Mitsui and Mitsubishi Companies.