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HONGKONG (contd)

KWIZ 76/48.

DIAMOND MARKET.

According to a diamond merchant the best quality diamonds are being sold in HONGKONG at MY12,000 per carat (on 6th September). There is no fixed price. Diamonds changing hands in HONGKONG are not imported from China, but have been in the Colony since before the war. The market is restricted.

There are no fixed prices for rubies, jade and other precious stones, for which the price depends on the quality.

(Sep 44 - Graded C3)

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COMMODITY SUPPLY & PRICES.

Prices:

The following are current prices of selected essential commodities in HONGKONG:-

|          |   |      |             |
|----------|---|------|-------------|
| Rice     | - | MY14 | per catty.  |
| Pork     | - | MY65 | " "         |
| Beef     | - | MY55 | " "         |
| Firewood | - | MY 1 | " 10 taels. |

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PUBLIC SERVICES.

Electricity:

As from 24th September, the electric supply has been partially cut. The Information Department officially announced yesterday that all electric current for lighting and heating will be stopped as from tomorrow (2nd October).

(1 Oct 44 - Ungraded - Origin: Enemy Press (Wah Kiu Yat Po, Hongkong)).

Two small generators remain working in the CHINA LIGHT & POWER Co. Station (22365684). Electricity is supplied only to the KOWLOON DOCKS and the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT WORKS, each of which receives 3 days' power in the week. This power station has been allotted 47 tons of coal from FORMOSA, and on 5th November had about 2,000 tons of coal in stock.

(5 Nov 44 - Graded C2)

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COMMUNICATIONS

Tramway.

The tramway service in HONGKONG has been suspended. Two of the electric generators at the TRAMWAY CO (21505356) have been removed and sent to JAPAN. The tram cars are also being dismantled and shipped to JAPAN.

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