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To be sold on the premises by public auction Friday, Oct. 4th at 2 o'clock, p.m. the residence of the late Harry Clarke, Augustine Cove, consisting of house, barn, three sheds (all in good condition) and 3 1-2 acres of land. Also some farm implements and all household furniture.

Terms made known at sale.

HUGH MORRISON,
Auctioneer.
L-637-9-30-3i

STOCK QUOTATIONS

N. Y. Stock Exchange

(Canadian Press)

Stocks	Close
Am C and F	27 7-8
Am Tel Tel	162 1-2
Anaconda	22 1-8
Baldwin Loco	16 1-8
Beendix Av	31 3-4
Beth Steel	79
Chrysler	78 7-8
Con Edison	26 5-8
Elec Auto Lite	37
Gen Elec	35 1-8
Gen Motors	49 1-4
Gt Nor Pfd	27 3-4
Kennecott	30 5-8
Mont Ward	40 3-8
N Y Central	14 1-2
Nor Am Co	18 1-4
Penn R R	22
Phil Pet Co	35
South Pacific	16 1-8
Std Oil N J	33 1-4
Texas Corp	35 3-8
United Air	40 1-2
U S Rubber	20 1-2
U S St Co	58
Vanadium Corp	32
West Union	18 5-8
West Elec	107 1-2
Woolworth	—

GRAIN

CHICAGO, Sept. 30—(AP)—Wheat rose to the highest price level since June 13 on the board of trade today when December contracts sold at 83 cents a bushel but the market was not strong enough to retain all of its advance.

Wheat closed unchanged to 3-4 higher compared with Saturday's finish Dec 82 3-4—7-8, May 82—82 1-8; corn 1-4—3-8 up, Dec 57 3-4 May 59; oats 1-4 lower.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 30—(CP)—Wheat futures prices on the Winnipeg grain exchange varied in sympathy with the Chicago market during today's session and closed 1-4—3-8 lower with the October future at 71 1-4, Dec at 73, and May at 77 1-8.

Buenos Aires was 1-4—1-8 cent down.

A small amount of no. 2 northern was being taken by shippers in the cash wheat market.

In the coarse grain pit, oats dropped fractionally, barley was unchanged while flax and rye advanced.

Grain close:

Wheat—Oct 71 1-4B, Dec 73A, May 77 1-8.

Oats—Oct 30 1-2, Dec 28 5-8—3-4, May 29 3-8B.

Barley—Oct 38 3-4, Dec 38 5-8B, May 40 1-2.

Banks

(Canadian Press)

Stocks	Close
Canada	—
Montreal	189 1-2
Commerce	—
Nova Scotia	279
Royal Bk	163

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Montreal Curb

(Canadian Press)

Stocks	Close
Abitibi Com	70
Abitibi Pfd	—
Asbestos	18
B A Oil	19 1-2
Beauharnois	5 3-8
Bathurst A	12
Fraser	—
Fraser V T C	11
Imp Oil	11 1-4
Price Com	—
Int Pete	16 3-8
Price Pfd	—

MINING

(Canadian Press)
TORONTO, Sept. 30—

Stocks	Close
A P Con	15
Amm Gold	1 1-2
Anglo Cdn	60
Anglo Huron	185
Arntfield	4 7-8
Ashley	5
Astoria	3
Bankfield	8
Bear Ex	5 1-4
Bidgood	11 1-2
Broulan	65
Brown Oil	12
Cdn Mal	46
Chester	91
Chromium	16
Cochenour	53
Smelters	39 3-4
Davies	13 1-2
Dome Oil	23
East Malrobic	330
Eldorado	32
Exten Oil	17
Fed Kirk	3 1-4
Francoeur	38
Gods Lake	35
Goldale	16
Gold Eagle	5 3-4
Gold Gate	10
Goodfish	1-2
Hard Rock	94
Hedley	45 1-2
Hollinger	13
Home Oil	195
Howey	25
Jack Wal	22
Jellicoe	3
Kerr Add	266
Kirk Hud	13
Kirk Lake	95
Lakeshore	21
Lapa Cad	7
Lebel Oro	1 3-4
Macassa	340
MacLeod	244
Madsen	44
Malartic	109
McVittie	7
McWatters	30
Moneta	55
Murphy	1 1-2
Naybob	23 3-4
Noranda	57
Normetal	40
Nor Cdn	58
OBrien	95
Okalta	85
Omega	17
Pacalta	5
Pamour	155
Partanen	5
Pickle C	305
Powell	95
Preston	195
Roche	3 1-2
Royalite	22 1-2
St Anth	10 1-4
San Ant	125
Sand River	6 1-2
Senator	26
Sherritt	72
Siscoe	59
Sladen	44
Slave Lake	5
Sou End P	2 1-8
Steep Rock	142
Straw Lake	4
Sullivan	64
Teck Hugh	315
Texas Corp	115
Upper Cda	96
Vermilata	6
Waite Amu	345
Wendigo	10 1-2

UNLISTED

Pend Ore	170

TORONTO, Sept. 30—(CP—Stocks advanced moderately today on the Toronto exchange in a six-hour session. Only 112,000 shares changed hands, a decline from last week's average.

An adavnce of 10 cents for Wright-Hargreaves and 20 cents for Pickle Crow was mainly responsible for the better showing of the gold mines. Malartic Gold Fields firmed 4 cents to 1.09 and Upper Canada gained 3 cents.

Dominion Woollens pfd closed a point up at 6 1-2 while the common firmed 50 cents to the $2 mark. The big oils, British American and International Petroleum, advanced narrowly, Consumers Gas firmed a point to 162 and Dominion Bank added 2 points. The Loblaw stocks, Riverside Silk and Tip Top Tailors pfd advanced. Bell Telephone turned heavy, losing 2 1-2 and the tone was a bit soft for Brazilian Traction, Canada Steamships pfd, Hinde and Dauch, Kelvinator, Laura Secord and Shawinigan.

Steep Rock closed 6 cents down at 1.42.

Pacalta was a trader to the extent of 13,400 shares on a gain of a cent to 5. Home Oil lost 4 cents while Davies and South End Pete gained slightly.

MONTREAL, Sept. 30—(CP)—Leaders, after showing an irregular trend for the greater part of the session, closed slightly lower on the stock market today.

Shawinigan advanced 1-2 while Southern Canada Power lost a point and Brazilian the minimum amount. Montreal and Canada Northern Powers showed no change.

Decline of 1-2 point each were suffered by Noranda and Smelters.

Ottawa Car tacked on a point while Dosco added 1-4. Canadian Car closed off 1-4 and the preferred issue unchanged. Bathurst, was slightly higher but Imperial Oil and International Petroleum sold off fractionally.

United Steel backed 3-8. Wilsils showed an upward adjustment of 9 1-2 while National Breweries gained 1-4 but Penmans lost two points and Dominion Coal preferred 1-4.

Total sales: 8,500 shares; Industrials, 5,700; Mines, 2,800; Bonds, $950.

Market At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

Toronto—Mining stocks stronger; industrials and western oils steady.

Montreal—Utilities and papers higher; other industrials and golds lower.

New York—Stocks closed higher.

Winnipeg—Wheat closed lower.

New York—Cotton lower; rubber, sugar and coffee higher.

Livestock

MONTREAL, Sept. 30—(CP)—Grass calves and hogs were a shade easier on Montreal livestock markets today, while other kinds of livestock were fully steady. Receipts: Cattle, 1,311; calves, 3,285; hogs, 1,989; sheep, 2,850.

Cows were the first to sell and these were along the lines of $5.75 for good, $4.75 to $5.25 for medium, and $4 to $4.50 for common. Canners and cutters $2.50 to $3.75. Odd steers sold at $8 to $8.50 for good, and $6.50 up for medium. There were not enough sales of steers to establish prices.

Veal calves were strong, grassers were 25 cents or more lower. Good veals were $10 to $1.50 with a few tops up to $11. Medium kinds sold up to $10 with common light veals down to $8. Drinkers were $5.50 to $7.50. Grassers were slow and easier selling from $4 to $4.85 with the bulk between $4.50 and $4.75

Hogs were slow and prices unsettled. A couple of hundred hogs were sold at 15 cents lower than last week, making $9 for bacons fed and watered and $12 hot weight. The balance of the hogs were not sold at time of writing.

Lambs were steady to a shade higher in spots. Good ewes and wethers were $8.50 to$8.75, mostly $8.50. Culls and bucks were cut $2 per hundredweight. Sheep were $3 to $5 with a few yearlings up to $6 and with the bulk of the sales between $4 and $5.

BRITISH CONVICTED

TOKYO, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Domei news agency reported tonight that seven British residents in Japan have been convicted of espionage. Three others have been indicted and five more are under investigation on similar charges.

Minard's kills pain.

Montreal Stock Exchange

(Canadian Press)

Stocks	Close
Brazilian	4 7-8
Bldg Products	15 3-4
Can Cement	5 3-4
Can Nor Pr	10 1-4
Can Car Found	8 1-4
Can Car Pfd	18 1-2
Can Pacific	5 1-4
Can Steam	4
Cons Smelt	39 1-2
Dist Seag	25
Dom Bridge	27 3-4
Dom Steel B	9 1-4
Gen Steel Wares	6 1-2
Ham Bridge	5
Imp Tob	14 1-4
Int Nickel	37 1-2
Massey Harris	3 1-4
Mtl Power	29 3-4
Nat Brew	29 1-2
Noranda	56
Power Corp	7 3-4
Quebec Power	15
Shawinigan	19

FINANCE

By Frederick Gardner
Associated Press Financial Writer

NEW YORK, Sept. 30—(AP)—Selective buying, mainly in aircrafts and industrial specialties, gave the stock market a moderate lift today.

In the Canadian list Distillers Seagram, International Nickel, Lake Shore Mines and Brazilian Traction moved to higher levels. Shawinigan was easy.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks held an advance of .2 of a point at 44.5. Dealings were relatively sluggish throughout, and transfers totalled 403,070 shares against 561,840 last Friday

Among rising preferred issues, some with large accumulations of unpaid dividends, were American Woollen, Budd Mfg., General Steel Castings and Certain-Teed. Purchases here, it was said, had the idea arrearages would be partly cleared up if industry maintained its forward stride.

Common stocks ahead at the finish included Douglas Aircraft, Glenn Martin, Bendix, Sperry, United Aircraft, DuPont, Union Carbide, American Smelting, Pullman, Pressed Steel Car, N.Y. Central, Great Northern, American Car & Foundry, Sears Roebuck, Westinghouse and Air Reruction.

A trifle under water were Bethlehem Steel, Chrysler, Texas Corp., Standard Oil of N. J., Consolidated Edison and Eastman Kodak.

ANNUAL MEETING

Queen's County National Conservative Association

STRAND THEATRE, CHARLOTTETOWN
8 P.M. FRIDAY OCT. 11th

Special Speaker
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DOMINION NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Each Poll is requested to send Five Delegates

P. W. TURNER, President
A. R. MacINNIS, Secretary

Produce Prices

MONTREAL, Sept. 30—(CP)—Produce Market prices here today, as reported by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, follow:

Butter: first grade creamery prints, jobbing price, 25 1-3; first grade solids, jobbing price, 25; Quebec no 1 pasteurized, current receipt price, 24 1-2, Quebec no 2, 23 1-2; Quebec no 1 pasteurized, wholesale jobbing price, 24 7-8, Quebec no 2, 24 3-8.

Cheese: Western white, current receipt price, 13 5-8—13 -16; colored, current receipt price, 13 5-8—14 1-16; white and colored, wholesale jobbing price, 14. Quebec white and colored, current receipt price, 13 11-16; wholesale jobbing price, 14

Eggs: graded shipments in used free case, selling price, A—large 33; A—medium 31 1-2; A—pullets 25 1-2—26; B 26 1-2—27; C 17 1-2—18.

MAKES FUNDS AVAILABLE

MONTREAL, Sept. 30 —(CP)—R. G. Stevenson, attorney for Canada of the nonmarine underwriters of Lloyd's of London has advised Robert Howard and Company, brokers, that about $6,800,000 in Canadian funds has been made available at the Bank of Canada for payment of claims under the bove policies in the event of an emergency preventing settlement through usual channels, it was announced tonight.

CHARGE DISMISSED

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Sept. 30 —(CP) — Information against Dr. Walter Fischer, charged with practising medicine while not registered with the council of physicians and surgeons of New Brunswick, was dismissed today by Magistrate G. Earle Logan on the grounds that the prosecution had failed to obtain permission of the Attorney-General to prosecute.

Such permission, necessary under the provincial hospital act, was refused J. Paul Barry for the prosecution, and the charge was laid under the New Brunswick Medical Act.

Dr. Fischer, 42, a graduate formerly of Breslau, Germany, is employed as an interne at the provincial hospital. The information was laid by Dr. J.M. Barry, registrar of the council of physicians and surgeons of New Brunswick.

BUILDING STIMULATED

TORONTO, Sept. 30—(CP) — Building in Canada, stimulated by the war effort, expanded to new recent heights in September. Figures compiled by Maclean Building Reports, Limited, reveal a total of contracts awarded in the month at $52,500,000, a gain of [illegible] over the August total of $[illegible]. The September total was exceeded in the last ten years only by the June, 1930, total of $54,726,200.

Ontario led the provinces in September with a total of $24,743,000, and other totals included: New Brunswick $644,100, Nova Scotia $611,700, and Prince Edward Island $497,000.

QUEEN'S LIKENESS OFF HOLLAND STAMPS

Wilhelmina's likeness will disappear from Dutch postage stamps soon, an official announcement released recently, and will be replaced by a new series showing only their denomination.

Singapore

British and Dutch Would Like to See U. S. Fleet Based There, Japanese Wouldn't---And Here Why

Britain reportedly offers United States navy use of Singapore naval base, Japan and Germany may counter with defensive alliance. How strong is Singapore? Why does Britain want the U. S. fleet there? And why does Japan seek to block such a move? Here are the answers, with first photos of Singapore defences.

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BY PETER EDSON
Editor, NEA Service

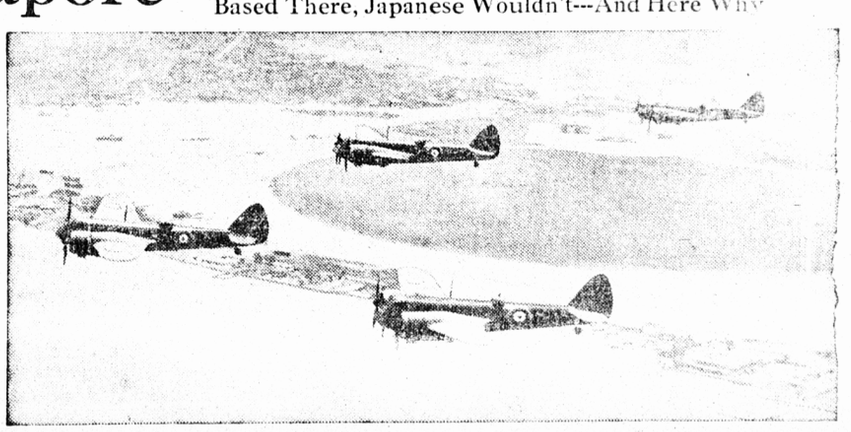
SINGAPORE, Straits Settlements, Sept. 28 —"Your American fleet," said a British vice admiral in Australia, "would fit nicely into Singapore."

In that brief, facetious statement is wrapped neatly the whole story of Singapore naval base, British Gibraltar of the Far East on the most important small island in the world, excepting only Manhattan.

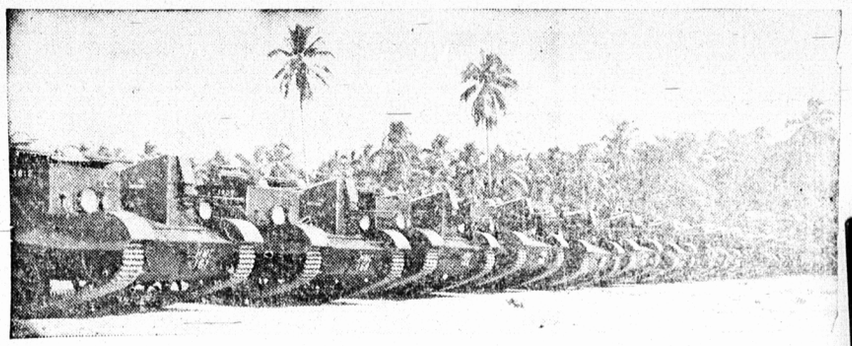
No one outside the British war office knows exactly how many millions of pounds have been poured into the defense of Singapore, an island some 30 miles in circumference, the adjacent waters and the small islands which dot the harbor.

Concerning all these defenses there is a great deal of official hush-hush, and only the British know how to put this on with maximum effectiveness.

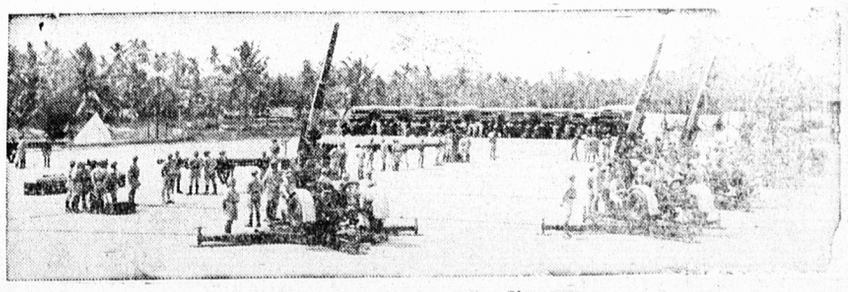
Commercial airliners coming into the new Singapore airport, built on made land at the waterfront, are forced to fly in and out of the city on a narrow channel. Fly a non-military plane over any part of the western end of the island, an area seven miles long and three miles wide, and you get shot down. Go cruising aimlessly about the harbor in your yacht and patrol boats will be after you, if you don't run into a mine before the patrols can warn you off.



Royal Air Force over Singapore harbor.



Tank forces massed for defense of Singapore on land.



Anti-aircraft guns def ending Singapore.

Admiral Sir Percy Noble, commander-in-chief of the China Station, Singapore, is enclosed.

FORMIDABLE DEFENSES

The hills and islands are supposedly honeycombed with anti-aircraft guns of all sizes, and big caliber coast defense guns which can outshoot and outrange anything that might be brought against them. There are airfields that would take hundreds of planes. There are barracks and camps and forts that will house thousands of soldiers. There are miles of barbed wire and first and second line defense positions all around the island, as anyone can see by going out East Drive.

There are supposedly well-defined lines of defense up across the Malay peninsula, to thwart anyone who might have the idea of landing in, say Indo-China or Thailand, and marching south on Singapore.

There is a navy yard with a dry dock and floating graving docks big enough to take the largest ships afloat or on paper. There are naval shops to make every repair a war vessel might need.

There are supposed to be supplies on hand to withstand a siege of three years or more, and a tactical plan worked out to fight it out that long, if necessary, to maintain Britain's hold on this 100-year-old free port, fortress and outpost.

And so, by reputation, Singapore is synonymous with impregnability.

BUT WHERE'S THE ARMY

But to even the untrained eye, there is a catch in the whole setup.

The number of troops seems small, in comparison to the job that may be ahead. Regiments of native Malay troops are in training, and there are units of Indians, Sikhs and Burmese being whipped into shape to handle machine guns and anti-aircraft of all calibers. But they don't make an army and they haven't been seasoned under fire.

The number of aircraft in Singapore is not impressive. The airfields are not as well defended as the Dutch in the Indies.

There are few war vessels at the base. There is little work in the naval shops. The U. S. naval base in Hawaii at Pearl Harbor is 10 times as impressive.

The whole setup has the appearance of being an unused hive. On short notice, it could probably be filled with business-like bees.

But it is when you consider Singapore as an empty shell that the remark of the British naval officer becomes significant: "Your American fleet would fit nicely into Singapore."

The British and the Dutch would like that, you bet! They would no doubt swap an awful lot if the U. S. would make Singapoe an American naval base —to defend the nearby Philippines.

It is understandable and taken for granted that the British need all their ships and all the men they can muster from any part of the Empire for war in Europe. And it is good military and naval sense to hold the unthreatened outposts with forcess as small as possible. These very facts, however, stress the point that the British Empire is not now a Pacific power, and it cannot be until Australia and New Zealand can achieve their hoped-for role as independent and self-sustaining dominions within the Empire. Only then will they have the rating of world powers in Pacific affairs.