

Tuesday, 26th June, 1979.

The gilt edged market was looking slightly firmer in all sections at the opening and prices where changed were a $\frac{1}{16}$ to an $\frac{1}{8}$ higher in all sections. Business was not on a large scale but after the falls which had been seen yesterday a few cheap buyers appeared at the lower levels, and with jobbers short of stock rises of about an $\frac{1}{8}$ to a $\frac{1}{4}$ were seen by mid-day. This firmer tendency continued during the afternoon and prices by 3.00 p.m. had risen by a further $\frac{1}{16}$ to an $\frac{1}{8}$. In fact just before the close the authorities made their first sale of the new Government medium dated tap stock Treasury 12% 1984, £50 paid at a $\frac{1}{16}$ premium. The whole market ended the day looking quietly firm at or around the best levels.

The industrial market opened slightly higher in the early trading. Prices tended to move selectively ahead during the day with most sections closing at the better levels. Oil shares were initially a firm sector but generally reacted to overnight levels in later trading while Store and Electrical issues held small nett gains. Kaffir shares eased on balance while B.A.T.'s improved on the better than expected figures.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 474.7 (up 1.3)

Bank

Sales

£2,502,000

Purchases

NIL