

Monday, 8th September, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market was steady and more or less unchanged in price at the opening, although one or two of the short-dated bonds were $\frac{1}{16}$ lower. Business was on a very small scale throughout the day, few, if any, sellers appeared and some encouragement was received from the Wholesale Prices Index, which was announced at 2.30 p.m. This news brought in a few cheap buyers and prices improved by $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ throughout the list and a quite substantial demand developed for the Government medium-dated tap stock, Treasury 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ % 1991 'A'. The whole market, in fact, ended the day looking reasonably firm with rises of between $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$ in all sections.

The Industrial market opened initially steady. However, prices drifted cautiously lower during the day, ahead of several important economic and monetary indicators due later in the week. Trading conditions were extremely quiet with selective investment interest being restricted to special situations. Electrical shares were easier as some profit-taking was encountered following recent strength. Oil issues were fairly active with secondary stocks in demand on some favourable week-end press comment. The Food sector was generally unchanged, although Reckitt & Colman were weak ahead of interim figures expected tomorrow. Bank and Insurance shares were dull throughout. Kaffirs were firm as the bullion price improved.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 491.5 (down 2.9)

BANK

Sales	£	54,105,000
Purchases	£	10,299,000
Nett Sales on balance	£	43,806,000