

Tuesday, 29th May, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market was quiet, steady and unchanged at the opening, although one or two of the short-dated bonds were looking $\frac{1}{16}$ higher. Business was on a very small scale throughout the day and the only feature worth mentioning was the appearance of a few buyers of the short-dated bonds and, with the jobbers short of stock, prices in this area of the market improved by as much as $\frac{3}{16}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$. The medium and long-dated issues were virtually neglected, although on balance they closed at about $\frac{1}{16}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ below the opening levels. Short-dated bonds, by comparison, ended the day looking reasonably firm, without losing any of their improvement.

The Industrial market opened steady with little change from the Friday levels. Prices, however, rallied on small selective buying interest during the day and, with no selling pressure, all sections tended to close at the best levels. Oil, Insurance and Banking shares were particularly firm sectors, while Kaffir issues were sharply higher on the gold fix price. I.C.L., initially unchanged on the interim statement, rallied in later trading and closed at the better levels.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 513.3 (up 6.9)

<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£	5,102,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	5,102,000