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The Gilt Edged market was quiet and steady at the opening and the only change in any prices was seen in the short-dated bonds which, on balance, were $\frac{1}{16}$ lower. Soon after the opening, for no apparent reason, some quite substantial buyers appeared in all sections of the market and prices improved during the morning by $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ throughout the list. With the market short of stock, this firmer tendency was maintained and by lunchtime the whole market was looking quietly firm at the higher levels. Although business was on a small scale during the afternoon, the firmer tendency was maintained and the market closed the day looking reasonably steady at the higher levels.

The Industrial market opened slightly cautiously after yesterday's firmer tone. Prices, however, tended to drift lower during the day with investors awaiting tomorrow's trade figures and most sections closed the day at the lower levels. Electrical, Insurance and Property shares were dull sectors, while Kaffir issues eased in line with the gold fix price. B.P. improved marginally after the first quarter figures, while Guthrie Corporation and Hickson & Welch also moved higher following their respective results.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 515.2 (down 1.7)

<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£	37,483,000
	Purchases	£	992,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	36,491,000