

Thursday, 14th June, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market was slightly easier at the opening, in all sections and prices were lower in the short-dated bonds by $\frac{1}{32}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ in the long-dated issues. Business was on a much smaller scale compared to the previous day but sellers predominated and buyers were conspicuous by their absence after the major purchases which had been made yesterday. The easier tendency continued throughout the morning and by lunchtime falls of as much as $\frac{3}{4}$ - $1\frac{1}{4}$ points were widespread in all sections. Little or no recovery was seen during the afternoon and, although business was on a small scale throughout the day, the market closed looking barely steady at the lowest levels.

The Industrial market opened easier continuing yesterday's trend. Sellers were in evidence throughout, with very little investment support to steady prices, which closed at the lowest levels. Stores and Consumer Durable issues were again dull ahead of the forthcoming increase in Value Added Tax. Banks, initially weak, improved after the announcement of higher base rates and closed steady at the overnight levels. In a flat Building sector, English China Clay interim results were below market expectations and the shares fell accordingly. Kaffirs improved in line with the higher bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.)

476.2 (down 12.7)

Bank

Sales

£ 7,148,000

Purchases

£ 5,146,000

Nett Sales on balance

£ 2,002,000