

Thursday, 19th July, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market was easier at the opening in all sections and prices were lower by $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$ throughout the list. This was thought to be due to some profit-taking which was seen after hours on the previous evening, after the very sharp rise which had occurred and press comment on the likelihood of the high short-term interest rates remaining with us for rather longer than had originally been anticipated. Selling was not particularly heavy but buyers were holding off in advance of the money and banking figures due to be announced at 2.30 p.m. Falls of as much as $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ of a point were widespread by lunchtime and this easier tendency continued during the afternoon. A slight rally was seen just before the close but the whole market ended the day looking barely steady, about $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ above the lowest levels but showing falls of $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{5}{8}$ in all sections.

The Industrial market opened easier following yesterday's announcement on the dollar premium. Prices tended to drift lower throughout the day on little or no buying interest, with most sections closing at or around the worst levels. Shipping and Banking shares reacted after recent firmness, while Kaffir issues eased slightly on the gold fix price. Distillers moved ahead on the final figures, while G.U.S. and Haslemere Estates were both unchanged after their respective figures.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 468.1 (down 3.9)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	NIL
	Purchases	£ 3,492,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£ 3,492,000
<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£ 9,759,000
	Purchases	£ 33,249,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£ 23,490,000