

Monday, 6th August, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market was very quiet, steady and unchanged in all sections at the opening and prices showed hardly any alteration from Friday night's closing levels. Business was on a very small scale throughout the day but a slightly easier tendency developed during the morning and falls of $\frac{1}{16}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ were widespread. Some improvement from the lower levels was seen during the latter part of the morning and the market was looking reasonably steady after the early losses had been regained. During the afternoon the rise in the Wholesale Price Index, which was announced at 2.30 p.m., was rather higher than most people expected and, with the slight weakening of the sterling/dollar rate, the market fell by $\frac{1}{16}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ throughout the list, to close the day looking barely steady at these slightly lower levels.

The Industrial market opened steady after the week-end Press comment. Prices tended to fluctuate marginally during the day in extremely quiet trading and, with no decided trend developing, all sections closed around the opening levels. Store and Brewery shares held marginal gains throughout the day, while Kaffir issues eased on balance despite the gold fix price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 458.3 (up 0.8)

<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£	772,000
	Purchases	£	18,654,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	17,882,000