

Tuesday, 7th August, 1979.

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The Gilt Edged market was quiet, steady and unchanged at the opening in all sections and there were few, if any, alterations in prices from the previous night's closing levels. Business was on a very small scale during the morning and, in the absence of any decided trend, prices were marked down by $\frac{1}{16}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ throughout the list. Little change was seen in the early part of the afternoon, as everybody was awaiting the announcement of the banking figures for the month ending 18th July, which were due to be announced at 2.30 p.m. These figures turned out to be better than the majority had expected and brought in some quite substantial buyers in both the short and long-dated areas of the market. Prices improved sharply as the jobbers were short of stock and the whole market closed the day looking quite firm with rises of as much as $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ in the shorts and $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in the medium and long-dated issues.

The Industrial market opened higher, extending the recent better tone. Prices continued to improve throughout the day in extremely quiet trading, with all sections closing at the higher levels. Electrical, Store and Property shares met investment demand, while Kaffir issues closed marginally ahead on the gold fix price. Acrow Engineering were slightly lower following their final figures, while Smith Bros. were sharply lower after confirmation of their final results.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 464.5 (up 4.9)

<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£	20,405,000
	Purchases	£	7,939,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	12,466,000