

Friday, 19th October, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market was easier at the opening, in all sections with falls of about $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ in the short dated bonds and a $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$ in the long dated issues. This easier tendency was thought to be mainly due to the major speeches made at the Mansion House on the previous evening which were more likely to lead to either no change and/or the possibility of higher rates if present policies did not achieve their objectives. Selling was not heavy but buyers were conspicuous by their absence and the market drifted downwards throughout the morning on light selling and by lunchtime falls of $\frac{1}{4}$ - 1 point were widespread. A slight recovery was seen during the afternoon and the market closed the week looking uneasily steady just above the lowest levels in all sections.

The industrial market opened marginally easier on the last day of the account. Prices continued to move lower during the day with most sections closing slightly easier on balance. Store shares were dull throughout the day while Kaffir issues improved on the better gold fix price. Oil shares were a firm sector especially E. P. on continental buying while E. M. I. moved ahead on the possibility of a counter bid.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 468.5 (down 1.6)

C.N.D.	Sales and Purchases	NIL
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