

Thursday, 1st November, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market was looking quietly firm at the opening. Short-dated bonds had improved by $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ and the medium and long-dated issues by $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$. This improvement was due mainly to expectation of a favourable vote by the majority of the Leyland work force and the slight improvement in the sterling/dollar rate. Some quite substantial buyers were seen in all sections of the market, some of which represented new money, and a certain amount of bear closing after the recent falls. The improvement was maintained until midday but afterwards a slightly easier tendency developed on the appearance of some profit-takers and the market, although under no pressure, eased during the afternoon to close the day looking barely steady but still about $\frac{1}{8}$ or so above the previous night's closing levels.

The Industrial market opened slightly higher at the opening. Prices continued to improve initially on renewed small buying interest but most sections reacted in later trading to close around the overnight levels. Property and Tobacco shares held small nett gains, while Kaffir issues were easier in line with the gold fix price. Consolidated Gold met profit-taking after the recent firm tone, while Hoover and Coats Patons were marginally lower on their respective figures. Oil shares were generally dull, especially Burmah Oil, on the possible outcome of the Court hearing on the B.P. issue in regard to compensation.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 437.5 (No change)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales		NIL
	Purchases	£	5,128,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	5,128,000
<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£	71,844,000
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