

Friday, 11th July, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market was quietly firm at the opening, following some buying which had been seen after hours on the previous evening and prices were about  $\frac{1}{8}$  higher in the short-dated bonds and  $\frac{1}{4}$  up in the long-dated issues. Business was on a fairly small scale compared to the previous few days but buyers predominated during the early part of the morning and once again a quite considerable demand was seen for the long-dated high coupon issues. By midday, however, a few sellers appeared in advance of the week-end and part of the early gains were lost. The market remained quiet and steady at the slightly lower levels throughout the afternoon and ended the week looking reasonably firm, although the short-dated bonds were  $\frac{1}{16}$  -  $\frac{1}{8}$  below the opening prices, while the long-dated issues were either unchanged or  $\frac{1}{8}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  higher.

At 3.30 p.m. the Bank of England announced an issue by tender of a further tranche of £400 million 3% Exchequer Stock 1983, which will be payable in full on Thursday, 17th July.

The Industrial market opened easier on the final day of the account and the lower overnight tone on Wall Street. Prices met profit-taking initially but most sections rallied strongly following the Thorn E.M.I. results and anticipation of buying interest after 3.30 p.m., with prices closing sharply above the worst levels. Property and Insurance shares were dull on end of the account influences, while Kaffir issues moved higher on the gold fix price. Thorn E.M.I. improved on the better than expected final results.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.)                      485.9 (down 3.5)

<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	7,147,000
	Purchases	£	7,107,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	40,000