

Thursday, August 28th, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market was slightly easier at the opening in all sections; short-dated bonds were about  $\frac{1}{16}$  lower and the medium and long-dated stocks about  $\frac{1}{8}$  down on balance. This easier tendency continued throughout the morning for no apparent reason, apart from the fact that sellers predominated and buyers were once again conspicuous by their absence. Selling was not heavy but by midday falls of as much as  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{3}{8}$  in the shorts and  $\frac{3}{4}$  - 1 point in the long-dated issues were widespread. Little change was seen during the afternoon, although a few cheap buyers did appear just before the close and the market ended the day looking barely steady, just above the lowest levels.

The Industrial market opened easier on further consideration of yesterday's unemployment figures and the overnight decline on Wall Street. Prices tended to move lower initially on small selling and, following publication of the disappointing I.C.I. figures, all sections continued to react further and close at or around the worst levels. Property, Insurance and Brewery shares were particularly dull sectors, while Kaffir issues lacked a decided trend throughout the day. I.C.I. reacted downward on the statement, while Plessey were unchanged on their results. British Home Stores were sharply lower on the down-grading of the forthcoming figures.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.)                      480.9 (down 10.6)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	26,448,000
	Purchases	£	17,750,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	8,698,000

<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	3,553,000
	Purchases	£	4,042,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	489,000