

Tuesday, 2nd September, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market was looking quietly firm at the opening and prices, where changed, were  $\frac{1}{8}$  higher in the shorts and  $\frac{1}{4}$  up in the medium and long-dated issues. This firmer tendency continued throughout the morning due, it was thought, for the most part, to the strength of sterling and some foreign interest. By lunchtime rises of as much as  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a point were widespread in all sections. The market continued looking firm during the afternoon on the appearance of further small buyers and, although a few profit-takers were seen just before the close, the market ended the day at or just below the best levels.

The Industrial market opened cautiously following the easier trend seen after hours yesterday. Prices, after drifting lower initially in subdued trading, improved marginally towards the close with most sectors showing small nett gains on the day. Oil and Electrical shares were firm after yesterday's lower tone, while Insurance issues lacked a decided trend. House of Fraser moved higher after the interim figures, while Kaffir issues improved on the gold fix price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 481.8 (up 1.1)

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Sales	£	7,605,000
Purchases	£	7,426,000
Nett Sales on balance	£	179,000