

Friday, 12th June, 1981.

The Gilt Edged market opened slightly firmer this morning with short-dated stocks about $\frac{1}{8}$ higher and longs about $\frac{1}{4}$ better. A little buying took place in early dealings and the above price rises were extended to $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{2}$ respectively. After this the market became very quiet and during the later morning all sections lost a part of their rise. During the afternoon however these losses were regained and the market closed steady at the better levels.

The Industrial market opened steady on the last day of the current account. Most sectors improved marginally in early business on selective investment interest. However, sentiment remained influenced by fears of further large rights issues and prices drifted back during the day, closing slightly lower on balance. Trading conditions were fairly quiet and featureless. Oils continued to weaken on persistent rumours of a rights issue from British Petroleum. Breweries were steady but Guinness were dull following disappointing interim results. Among easier Engineers, Westland Aircraft improved on news of an Anglo-Italian agreement to develop a new helicopter. Food shares were unchanged but British Sugar were sharply higher as S. & W. Berisford bought stock which increased their holding to over 30%. The takeover bid remains open until Monday. Electricals, Properties and Builders were generally lower throughout. Pilkingtons were well supported after final profits exceeded market estimates. Kaffirs were firm in line with the increased bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 532.3 (down 3.9)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales		NIL
	Purchases	£	440,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	440,000

<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	23,044,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	23,044,000