

Tuesday, 28th September, 1982.

The Gilt-edged market opened $\frac{1}{8}$ better in the shorts and up to $\frac{1}{2}$ better through the mediums and longs. Early buying was encouraged by comments in the press over the lower rates at which the authorities dealt in the money markets, and when the rates fell again at midday, the market moved further ahead. Buying was never heavy but persistent switching longer held back the shorter stocks and pushed longs ahead at one time by up to $1\frac{1}{8}$. Without much follow through this level became hard to sustain and by the close rises in the shorts were trimmed to $\frac{1}{8}$ while mediums were still showing gains of up to $\frac{3}{4}$ and longs up to 1 point.

The Industrial market opened higher on renewed hopes of a further domestic base rate reduction. Most sectors continued to harden during the day, closing at the best levels. Among firm leading 'blue-chip' companies, Glaxo met persistent institutional demand ahead of forthcoming interim results, while Beechams improved in sympathy. In an otherwise better Stores sector, F. W. Woolworth declined on fears that the possible bid approach will not materialise. Insurance shares were dull with Life Assurance stocks particularly weak on suggestion of tighter commission margins. Electrical issues were well supported and Cable & Wireless made further progress following favourable press comment. Breweries and Foods were generally better on widespread investment interest. Kaffirs eased in line with the lower gold price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 586.0 (up 5.5)

C.N.D. Sales and Purchases NIL

<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	47,879,000
	Purchases	£	59,012,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	11,133,000