

Growers winning battle against market charges

THE MAY'S MARKET growers in Belfast are winning their battle to have the new charges reduced.

The Corporation estates and markets committee, after a lengthy discussion, to-day recommended that the charges be reduced by 10 pc.

The new charges, which came into operation early last month, are based on the size and weight of the vehicle and not, as before, on the goods carried.

The growers have been paying them—but under protest.

The move at to-day's committee meeting followed discussions on Tuesday between Mr. John Lazenbatt, the estates superintendent, and representatives of the horticultural council of the Ulster Farmers' Union, which looks after the interests of the growers.

A 10 pc reduction would mean that anybody paying 25s to bring their goods into the market would now only pay 22s 6d.

The committee also agreed to reduce the stallage charges by 10 pc—from 5s to 4s 6d.

STORE BLAZE

A STORE attached to a grocery shop owned by Mr. Michael McShane, Money-neany, Draperstown, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

RDC to get tough with non-payers

OMAGH Rural Council to-day decided to adopt a tougher attitude towards those who are slow in paying their accounts for water.

The council has decided that when an account is not paid on the second reminder the water will be cut off and should the consumer want it restored he will have to pay a fee of £10.

The clerk, Mr. J. P. Robinson, said some consumers had neglected to pay in spite of repeated reminders and with the increase in postage the issuing of reminders was proving an expensive business.

The council also decided to make a minimum charge of £3 for water for non-domestic use to start from September next.