



The busy scene in May's Market as lorries are loaded with fruit and vegetables.

BELFAST HORSE-AND-CART-AGE MARKETS TO BE MODERNISED

BELFAST'S MARKETS will have to be completely re-developed to fit in with changing road networks within the next eight to 10 years.

Planning work on a modern marketing system for the city has already begun, and the Corporation Estates and Markets Committee will have a report on cross-Channel developments on the agenda at a meeting soon.

The markets were built in the horse-and-cart age, and in this highly-motorised era some of the worst traffic confusion in the city centres around them.

But the fruit, vegetable and fish markets face an even greater threat—development of a trunk road system through the city which will occupy a large proportion of the site now taken up by potato warehouses, boxes of oranges and dead codfish.

Most of the site of May's Market is due to disappear under part of the central ring road system planned for the city. The North Approach Road and the M1 will join in the area with an extension to Sydenham by-pass.

Development of the city trunk road system was planned to take place within 10 to 12 years, but may now be accelerated because of the Government's new transport policies and the proposed disappearance of much of the province's railways.

An alternative area will have to be found, therefore, for the markets.

Abattoir

Work on the new abattoir, which will include the cattle-markets and associated processing works, is well ahead at Duncrue Street. The disappearance of cattle from the markets area will relieve pressure on space.

Doubts are felt, however, about whether such a valuable central area should be used merely for markets.

Mr. J. Lazenbatt, city estates and markets superintendent, said to-day: "Certainly there will have to be a re-development of the markets. A deputation was recently sent across the water to see new markets at Coventry, Sheffield and Glasgow.

SEAMEN'S BODIES TO BE EXHUMED

THE bodies of two young Dutch seamen who were buried in Bangor Cemetery during the war are to be exhumed.

The sailors — Johannes de Jong (21) and Guitje Van Dijk (33)—died after an explosion on the m.v. Santa Lucia while in Bangor Bay in 1940.

The Netherlands War Graves Foundation has been given permission by Bangor Joint Burial Board to exhume the bodies.

Re-buried

The sailors will then be re-buried in consecrated ground at Millhill Cemetery, London.

Johannes de Jong was a Roman Catholic, but Rev. Patrick McAtamney, P.P., of Bangor, said to-day: "My church has no objection to the exhumation — provided there is no unnecessary interference."

A Ministry of Health official said to-day that under an agreement between the Netherlands and the United Kingdom every co-operation would be given to the War Graves Foundation.

"Through the Home Office we have assured the Foundation that we will facilitate them as far as possible," said the official.

An exhumation licence will be issued by the authorities as soon as it is applied for. However, up to 12 months may elapse before the actual

Disappeared with free trousers

A YOUNG Enniskillen man who was provided with a new pair of trousers so that he would have a better chance of getting a job, has since disappeared, the Minister of Labour, Mr. Kirk, told the Commons yesterday.

M.P.s roared with laughter when he said Mr. Healy, the Nat. member for South Fermanagh, had insisted on the man getting the trousers, but neither the man, nor the trousers, had been seen since.

Mr. Kirk, who was replying to Nationalist charges that 43 men had been unjustly refused National Assistance in Enniskillen last year, said that the reason they were disallowed was not because they did not obtain employment but because the appeal tribunals considered they were making little or no effort to support themselves.

Mr. Healy denied that he had insisted on any young man being given trousers, and challenged the Minister to produce evidence. There was no work for these men, he claimed.

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