

POTATO MARKET OPENS THIS SATURDAY

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MERCHANT'S QUAY
will come alive this Saturday when the Potato Market opens to the public as a market at 11 a.m.

And heralding the event will be the Sammy Benson band, who will march down O'Connell Street to the market where brightly-coloured stalls will display local arts, crafts and products from home industries.

From Saturday onwards it will be open for business every Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Booked

Already 22 stalls have been booked by traders. "But we have a capacity for up to 60 stalls. And we would be interested in hearing from people wishing to rent out space", said Mr. Denis Leonard, director of Limerick Civic Trust.

"It's an ideal outlet for people who have completed a start-your-own-business course and want a sales outlet for their goods or for people who are working from home with an idea or product and want to test out the market".

He added that rental rates

were certainly competitive: "It's £5 a day for an outdoor stall and £7.50 per day for the covered indoor stalls".

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OVER 70 years after pulling his first pint at 41 Parnell Street, legendary Limerick publican, Charlie St. George, 82, has retired.

But Parnell Street and the railway station have not lost the link with the St. George family.

The premises, famous in rugby lore, has been tastefully renovated, and taken over by Charlie's daughter Anna, and her husband, Mr. Roger Hayes.

And the memories of the man who saw history in the making in Limerick are still part of the pub talk there.

When Charlie first went behind the counter in the fateful month of August, 1914, the pint of Guinness was two pennies, women were confined to the "snug" and there was a great "jug and bottle" trade.

"The first thing I heard," he recalls, "was a cry from