

Efforts continue to cook up support for Potato Market

A "LITTLE disappointing" was how director of the Limerick Civic Trust, Mr. Denis Leonard described the development of the Potato Market.

The Market, though officially open over two years has yet to capture the patronage of the Limerick public.

However the Trust director admitted that he had "great confidence that it will come right."

"It is difficult to establish a constant pattern. At the moment, many of the traders are after moving to Kilkee for the

summer market and things are quiet enough here," he said.

"April to June was exceptionally busy, but things have quietened down. However we are hopeful that things will pick up in September right through to Christmas," said the director.

Mr. Leonard blamed the limited pedestrian flow of people in the area as one of the reasons why the market has not become a popular weekly attraction in the city.

"With so many people moved out to housing estates

and who now come to town by car, there is certainly a limited pedestrian flow."

He also said that the Milk Market had an unbroken 100 year tradition. The Potato Market is being revived after a 60 year closure and it is difficult to get patronage.

However with the development of the Heritage Precinct, Mr. Leonard said that he was confident that the market would become a focal point in the city.

"It will certainly develop a great flow of people in the area. And that is what we

need.

"I have great confidence in the Market and it will come right but it will take time."

The market was the venue recently for a number of concerts during the Summer festival.

"The Stocktons Wing concert was a huge success. This was the first big concert in the market and it went off trouble free. It is an excellent venue for such events as gardai can monitor access both in and out.

"We hope to have similar events in the future," he said.