

MARKET REPORT.

What a place to have a market. That's what critics have been saying for years about Covent Garden. It takes up 38 acres of central London, causes traffic chaos daily, and yet manages to handle 70-million-pounds' worth of fruit and vegetables annually. A few years ago, a fire there showed that with bad luck the whole congested area might make the biggest bonfire modern London's ever known in time of peace.

Over sidings north of King's Cross Station a new market could be constructed - as a private venture, using no Government money. It would be erected on stilts, with a helicopter-platform on the roof - that alone a boon for London. All produce could arrive by rail or road and be quickly handled. The head of the firm that proposes the scheme, Mr. Charles Glover, says this:

Flats and offices could go up on the present market area. Or will the Government spend up to £20,000,000 improving it? We leave our friendly porters talking it over.