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CITY COUNCIL DECIDES
FOR A NINE-HOUR DAY IN CIVIC CONTRACTS.
 Alds. Bews and Shaw Presented the Resolution—Other Business Transacted by the Council on Monday Night.
 Before it adjourned at 11.30 o'clock Monday night the City Council had half an hour's discussion on a motion of Alds. Bews and Shaw to the effect that a nine-hour day for labor should be inserted in all future civic contracts. The motion met with favor and carried, but drew forth some remarks by several of the aldermen.
 Alds. Bews and Shaw thought it was the right thing for the City Council to do to declare that on its contract work, a day for the laboring man should consist of nine hours.
 Ald. Ross was also favorable to the motion, but if it was presented in the way of a criticism of what the Utilities committee had been forced to do this year, he wanted to make an explanation. The manager of the utilities found that he could not get local labor, and was forced to send outside for Italians, who would not work less than ten hours a day. When objection was made the Utilities committee offered local labor the preference, but could not get any. Again, on the conduit work, owing to the lateness of the season, the contractors had to work their men long hours, but paid overtime.
 Ald. Litton thought that the decision of the council to fix a nine-hour day would help all local contractors, and he was strongly in favor of the motion.
 Ald. Elliott suggested making a provision that if contractors for civic work found themselves "up against it" and required to work their men over nine hours they could ask council for permission.
 Ald. Fair held that it would be unfair to hold up any contractor like that. Sometimes it might be necessary to work men more than nine hours a day, and a contractor should not be interfered with, for it might mean loss of money on his contract.
 Ald. Stroud explained that a nine-hour day was only a standard. Contractors could work their men any number of hours they wanted to work so long as they paid overtime at the union scale.
 Ald. Bews said he had no fault to find with what had been done this year. He thoroughly understood that it was impossible to find another solution of the difficulties that faced the city. There would be no objection to men working overtime for extra pay.
 The motion was then put and adopted unanimously.

The Finance Report.
 These recommendations of the financial committee were adopted:
 That the corporation purchase a piece of land from W. S. Shaftebotham, beginning at a point at the southwest intersection of Thomas and No Name streets, thence northerly 72 feet, thence westerly 30 feet, thence southerly 26 feet, thence easterly along the south side of Thomas street 23 feet to the point of commencement, for the sum of \$50.00.
 That the committee's appropriation be further increased by \$100.
 On the application of R. B. Blanchard, asking for rebate, rental city hall, that the request be granted.
 On the application of Angus B. Doolan, secretary Orphans' Guild, St. Mary's-on-the-Lake, asking for rebate on rental city hall, that the request be granted, less the actual expenses incurred.
 That the Corporation will if necessary, release any claim that it may have to the land as per sketch attached, and which the Montreal Transportation company desires to acquire from the government on condition that the prolongation of the several streets to the harbor line be assured, and that the property be inclosed by a wall to the satisfaction of the city engineer.
 Ald. Graham again asked why the finance committee had not reported on the claim of the Grand Opera House for \$75 damages done by the students' rush of the night of the 1st of November.
 Ald. Kent said that Newlands & Son had been engaged to make an appraisal of the damage done. The city solicitor had written that the city was not liable, but the committee had come to the conclusion that the city was possibly morally liable.
 The appraisal of Newlands & Son was read, and it fixed \$70 as the damage to the Grand Opera House, and \$15 to J. E. Mullen. The claims were for \$75 and \$30 respectively. On motion of Ald. Shaw and Graham, the terms mentioned by the architect were ordered to be paid.
 This recommendation of the Board of Works was adopted:
 That this corporation notify all parties having overhead wires upon the streets or parts of streets upon which conduits are to be constructed, to make all necessary arrangements for the immediate removal of all wires, poles, etc., and that upon failure of the companies to give definite assurance of the removal of wires, poles, etc., that the city solicitor make the necessary application to the proper authorities for such an order as will insure the desired work being carried out.
 By-laws were passed with reference to the grant of \$51,000 to the Board of Education for the collegiate institute extension, guaranteeing the iron and tube company bonds, and ratifying an agreement with the county of Frontenac respecting the city refuge.
 In attendance were: Mayor Rigney and Alds. Bews, Clugston, Couper, Elliott, Graham, Fair, Gillespie, Hanley, Hart, Hoag, Kent, Litton, Peters, Ross, Shaw, Stroud, Sutherland White.

Communications Read.
 These communications were read and referred to committee:
 Frank C. Ireland, city treasurer, resigning office of treasurer.
 Albert Revington, applying for position in treasurer's office and engineer's office.
 Board of Education, asking for \$51,000 to erect an addition to the Collegiate Institute.
 R. B. Blanchard, asking for rebate of city hall.
 W. P. Peters, applying for position of tax collector.
 I. Bird, submitting account of \$10.
 Enoch Godwin, Sr., re sale of city lots.
 J. H. Caverly, applying for the position of fireman in city buildings.
 M. Clow & Son, re removal of electric light pole.
 City auditor, re funds for additional underground conduit construction.
 Registrar, Queen's University, re letter re fire protection for university buildings.
 Canadian Fire Underwriters' Assn.

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IN MARINE CIRCLES.
Steamer Cornwall To Be Used To Release the Navajo.
 The first wrecking job in which the steamer Cornwall will be utilized by the Donnelly Salvage and Wrecking company, will be the releasing of the steambarge Navajo, which is aground at the Ducks. The Cornwall was being fitted up on Tuesday and expected to be at the Navajo for work at daybreak on Wednesday.
 The Colborne Enterprise defends Capt. Padginton of the S.S. Turret Chief against the findings of the wreck commission. It says he is a careful, experienced and efficient seaman, and it believes that he used his very best judgment in the storm.
 The tug Bartlett, of the Montreal Transportation company, is the last of the fleet to be out. The Bartlett was at Port Hope over the week-end, and after making the delivery, will return to Kingston, and be laid up for the season.
 The steamer Stormount has arrived at Midland, to be laid up for the season.
 The steamer Glenfoyle will likely be the last vessel to arrive in Kingston, from Port William, this season. The vessel is now on the way to Richardson's elevator, with grain.
 Capt. Israel Larush sold the sloop Granger to Capt. Turcott, of Ganouque, owner of the Kitty Wells and Capt. Turcott sold the latter vessel to Capt. Garland.
 Navajo in Bad Shape.
 Owing to the heavy gale on the lake on Sunday night, it is believed that the steambarge Navajo, which went aground near the Main Ducks, received a severe pounding. Some of the mariners feared that the vessel would be almost a total wreck. The Donnelly Wrecking company will send a vessel to the scene as soon as the weather is favorable.
 Sittings of Courts.
 Napanee—March 10th, jury before the chancellor; May 19th, non-jury Justice Tetzel.
 Picton, March 17th, jury and non-jury, Justice Britton.
 Belleville—April 21st, jury, Justice Lennox; June 16th, non-jury, Chief Justice Falconbridge.
 Perth—March 31st, Justice Middleton.
 Brockville—March 31st, jury, Justice Latchford; June 2nd, non-jury, Justice Middleton.
 St. Mary's Congregation.
 The ladies who are interested in the welfare of the Hotel Dieu hospital will kindly attend a meeting at the hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 8 p.m.
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HAD A PET CAT.
Peter Derosé, Convict Released a Few Days Ago.
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 The cat was a stray-away, that found its way in the "pen" a few years ago, and Derosé claimed it as his own, and as no person objected, it was soon known as "Peter's Cat," and although Peter is now enjoying his liberty, the cat is still in the big prison, and is now making new friends, but certainly does not make-up with any of the other convicts like he did with Derosé. When the latter was leaving the penitentiary, he had some of the other convicts promise that they would be good to the cat, after he was gone.
 The cat, now minus a master, is being well looked after, and as long as tabby lives, will recall the story of one who spent so many years in the penitentiary.
 Edmund Hayes and E. Hedstrom, Buffalo, N.Y., and E. Ward Wright, Toronto, directors of the Buffalo and Ontario Smelter company, were in the city on Monday afternoon.
 James Ham, Brantford, and J. Carruthers, Prescott, came to the city on Monday afternoon.

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