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**L'ELEVEMENT DES CHAROGNES**

**REMOVAL OF DEATH ANIMALS**

*OPINION LEGALE RELATIVE A CE SERVICE*

*LEGAL OPINION RESPECTING THIS SERVICE.*

Hôtel de Ville, Montréal, 4 Juillet 1904.

City Hall, Montreal, July 4th, 1904.

M. L.-J. Ethier,  
 Avocat de la Cité,  
 Montréal.

Mr. L. J. Ethier,  
 City Attorney,  
 Montreal.

Dear Sir,

We are now in a serious predicament concerning the removal of dead animals. It is the contention of the present contractor for this work, that all dead animals, within the city limits, belong to him, including the cattle that reach Montreal, dead, or that die in the yards belonging to the railway companies.

The Incineration Committee will meet to-morrow to discuss this question and I would beg of you, in order to save time, to kindly transmit to them, an answer to the following questions:

1.—Does the contract between the city and the contractor for the removal of dead animals, give the latter the ownership of all the animals within the limits of the City of Montreal, dying without having been bled or slaughtered, as well as those brought in, dead, or dying in the railway companies' yards? (See contract and by-law No. 254).

2.—Do the powers granted by the Quebec Legislature give the Laing Packing Company and the Montreal Stock Yards, the right to disregard the by-laws adopted by the City of Montreal, and to take possession of and render the dead animals reaching them by boat or by railway, as well as the animals which die in the cattle yards, without having been bled or slaughtered?

Believe me, dear sir, devotedly yours,

H. LAPORTE,  
 Mayor.

H. LAPORTE,  
 Maire.

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Law Department.

City Hall, Montreal, 6th July, 1904.

To the chairman and members of the Incineration Committee.

Gentlemen,

"re removal of dead animals in the City."

In accordance with the request of His Worship the Mayor asking me to transmit to you an answer to two questions relating to certain pretensions of the contractor in regard to the removal of dead animals, claiming ownership of all dead animals in this City, including all which are brought in dead or which die in the railway companies' yards, I beg to report as follows, namely:

Département en Loi.

Hôtel de Ville, Montréal, 6 juillet, 1904.

Au président et aux membres de la Commission de l'Incineration.

Messieurs,

"re Enlèvement des charognes dans la ville".

Conformément à la réquisition de Son Honneur le Maire, me demandant de vous transmettre une réponse à deux questions qui ont trait à certaines prétentions de l'entrepreneur pour l'enlèvement des charognes, à l'effet que toutes les charognes dans cette ville sont sa propriété, y compris les bestiaux qui arrivent morts ou qui meurent dans les cours des compagnies de chemins de fer, j'ai l'honneur de faire rapport comme suit, savoir: