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£1,122 to fix 'King Kong' hall

ALTERATIONS to the Feather Market Hall costing about £1,122 — for the Port Elizabeth presentation of "King Kong" — were due to be considered this afternoon.

The City Council's Finance Committee will have a report on stage improvements and dressing rooms, which can be built in the basement.

The show will be staged from June 1 to 6 by an organising committee headed by the Mayor's School Feeding Fund Committee.

This committee is prepared to pay the cost of essential stage improvements, and leave them for the benefit of the Council after the show.

In a report to the Finance Committee, however, the Mayor, Mr. Alfred Markman, recommends that the sponsors of the show contribute only £40 to the cost.

Defects

The report says that for some time the Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Louis Dubb, have been concerned about the lack of proper facilities at the Feather Market Hall.

Defects mentioned are the proscenium, the red curtains—"which do not operate properly and cause embarrassment to persons putting on performances" — and the absence of dressing rooms, lavatories and washbasins.

The Electricity Department has vacated a portion of the basement, where proper dressing rooms could be provided.