

the civic aldermen and officials were not compelled to occupy these tents and spend their summer vacation at this health resort (?) and suffer something of what they condemned the city's sick to endure for weeks at a time. It is more than probable there were more rats than nurses and patients. Certainly the mayor, the medical health officer, or members of the local board of Health were not amongst the patients sentenced to this Gehenna.

The responsibility for the keeping of one's premises in a sanitary condition, that is, clean and free from an accumulation of domestic waste, is placed upon the head of each household. In rural districts and small towns and villages where there is plenty of ground, it is possible to burn up most of the refuse and bury the indestructible portion in the ground. The city dweller, being cramped



Fig. 5.—Littered Lane in the Central Portion of a small Canadian City

for space, cannot dispose of the waste in this manner. He has to allow it to accumulate either in barrels or boxes, sometimes in covered bins. When the municipal authorities fail to provide the ways and means for its regular and systematic removal he must remove it at his own cost and often at considerable inconvenience, for it is not an easy matter to find a person ready and willing to act as scavenger. Even if one can be found to do the work, the difficulty is to find a suitable place for depositing the rubbish without running the risk of creating a nuisance.

At the present time we hear much of the "clean-up week." This is nothing more than a public avowal by the health authorities that they have no system of refuse collection and disposal. In other words, the authorities simply allow