

Modern Street Cleaning



The question of clean streets has ever been a prominent issue in all modern cities and towns, which look after the health of their communities and take any pride in the appearance of their thoroughfares.

In the larger centres where there is considerable traffic, greater refuse and varied types of pavements, it becomes a serious problem for the City Engineer or Street Commission to know and adopt the best and at the same time the most economical method of Street Cleaning.

We have become accustomed to see the man with the Hand Broom on our busy thoroughfares and possibly, from familiarity, have not stopped to consider what an expensive proposition this is, when we consider the present high price of labor.

We have seen the Watering Cart or Sprinkler along our streets, but we have never considered

the disadvantages of this system, of merely wetting the Streets and leaving all the refuse there.

We may have possibly remarked the "Flusher," with its abnormal amount of water, which washed everything towards the gutter and down into the sewers to clog them up and cause an expensive item of sewer cleaning.

We have not stopped to consider, we who pay the taxes, of the ill-effects of too much water on our pavements. The people who lay the pavements, will tell you that the most injurious thing they have to contend with is the injudicious surplus of water applied to our pavements, whether asphalt, brick or block.

There is however, a new system of Street Cleaning now forcibly brought to our notice and that is "The Elgin," illustrations of which are shown herewith. The Elgin Sweeper is a combination machine, which