



Broadway at Fulton Street as it looked after an ordinarily heavy snowfall three winters ago.

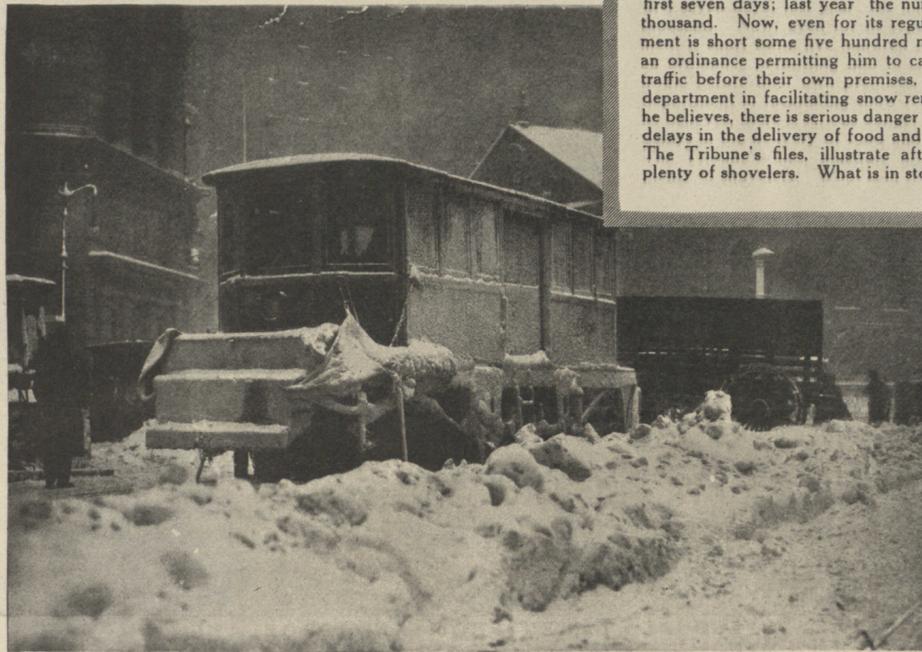


Uncounted tons of snow are carted off Fifth Avenue. This photograph was taken near Fiftieth Street.

SEE WHAT'S COMING !

Prosperity may be a severe handicap in getting about town this winter, when the first big snowstorm comes along. It has taken away most of the men once available for getting rid of the snowdrifts that clog the city's streets after a storm. Forty thousand men, Commissioner Fetherston estimates, are necessary to handle a heavy snowfall. The registration for snow removal so far this year has been only thirty-five hundred. Two years ago twenty-two thousand men registered in the first seven days; last year the number dwindled to something over five thousand. Now, even for its regular work, the Street Cleaning Department is short some five hundred men. The Commissioner is asking for an ordinance permitting him to call upon citizens to make passages for traffic before their own premises, and to otherwise co-operate with the department in facilitating snow removal. Unless such power is granted, he believes, there is serious danger from fire. There are sure to be deadly delays in the delivery of food and fuel. These photographs, taken from The Tribune's files, illustrate after-storm conditions when there were plenty of shovelers. What is in store for New York this winter?

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Even heavy street railway plows sometimes become stalled in city snow. Park Row at Ann Street.



When there is a shortage of men snow cakes into ice, as it has done here in Mail Street.



In the residential neighborhoods a narrow path suffices for traffic. Seventieth Street, near Eighth Avenue.



Broadway at Vesey Street looked like this last winter. What it will look like this winter remains to be seen.