

## Treble Strength for Fire Brigade

Sheffield Fire Brigade, when it is reformed from the N.F.S., will be approximately three times as large as it was before the war, and the ratepayer will have the privilege of paying for it on an even higher ratio than that.

It is true there will be a much more complete cover against fire risks than there was in pre-war days. For example there are to be subsidiary fire stations at Darnall Road, Norton Lane, Woodhouse Road, and Elm Lane. Reinforcement schemes with neighbouring authorities for mutual assistance are also being worked out.

The country cannot possibly afford heavy losses by fire, and an improved fire service is the first line of protection.

### The First Brigades

It was in 1869 that the fire brigades were taken from the insurance companies which had previously maintained them and handed to the Town Trustees. The Chief Constable was put in charge.

The central station was in Barkers Pool. There were four fire engines (one worked by steam power), and an engine was kept at each branch police stations.

The brigades were composed of members of the police force living in the immediate neighbourhood of the stations.