New Engine 'Last Word' in Fire Equipment

Sheffield Fire Brigade will shortly be equipped with the country's latest type of fire engine.

Costing about £4,000 the new machine is expected to arrive before the end of the month. It will replace a 1923 model.

Equipped with an eight-cylinder Rolls Royce motor and weighing about five tons, the new engine is capable of developing 160 b.h.p. and a speed of 66 m.p.h.

High Qualities

Up-to-date fire-fighting equipment already incorporated include a two-stage turbine pumping unit able to pump 800 to 900 gallons of water per minute.

A new feature is a moveable built-in searchlight operated from the driver's cabin, and which will mainly be used for reading house numbers and works names while travelling at speed in the dark.

Deputy-Chief Fire Officer, Mr. B. Jones, told "The Star" that it was the last word in fire engines and had excellent fire-fighting capabilities.

It had high qualities of acceleration, speed and braking, and good cold starting characteristics.