

The brigade are much in need of new uniforms, and the station building, particularly the roof, is badly out of repair, so much so that it is a difficult matter to keep the appliances and hose dry and in good order. If there is a likelihood of the erection of a new station being deferred for any length of time, then the present building should be repaired—at least, to the extent of enabling the plant to be kept in proper order.

WOOLSTON.

Inspection, 18th March, 1921. At the inspection muster the total personnel of the brigade was present—ten all told. After each of my inspections I have found it necessary to call attention to the numerical weakness of the brigade, and an endeavour should be made to maintain its authorized strength of fourteen.

The motor was taken to the river for the purpose of testing the newly fitted pumping-outfit. Unfortunately, before the testing was completed the engine broke down, but up to the time of that happening the pump worked well and gave very satisfactory results.

Not more than four men should be allowed to ride on the motor when proceeding in response to an alarm of fire. That number of men, with the CO₂ chemical outfit and the pump apparatus, constitute sufficient load for this particular machine.

The street fire-alarm system, consisting of two circuits with eleven call-boxes thereon, is now installed and is giving every satisfaction.

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