

The Welbeck Fire

Duke of Portland and the Sheffield Fire Brigade

The Duke of Portland telegraphed to Superintendent Frost, the chief of the Sheffield fire Brigade, this morning, thanking him and his men for the splendid services they rendered at the Welbeck fire, and asking that his expression should be conveyed to the men. His grace made special inquiry as to the condition of Fireman Hill. At a later hour he telegraphed again to ascertain how Hill was progressing, and instructed Mr. Frost that nothing should be spared and that everything in the way of comforts must be provided for the injured man.

The Duke's recognition of the efforts of the Fire Brigade, and his kind enquiries about Hill, have awakened the liveliest satisfaction and appreciation amongst the men.

Fireman Hill of the Sheffield fire Brigade, sustained a very nasty sprain to his back, and he had to be removed from Welbeck in the Sheffield Ambulance, which arrived in the city shortly after ten o'clock. Hill was taken to his home at the Fire Station, Rockingham Street. Dr. Hallam, the police surgeon, was summoned, and on examination found that Hill was suffering from concussion of the spine. The injury is likely to keep Hill off duty for several weeks.