

Work of the Sheffield Fire Brigade

Supt. Frost's report of the work of the Fire Brigade for 1901 was issued today. The number of calls received was 193, an increase of four on the previous year. The figures include seven false alarms and 16 fires beyond the city boundary. Within the city 167 fires came under the heading "slight," the damage being under £1,000. The loss of property in-the city was £18,406, and beyond the city boundary £48,017. As compared with 1899 this was a decrease of £12,453 in the city, and an increase of £28,615 beyond the city boundary. There was a; increase of 68.3 calls on the average of the last ten years. The distance run to and from fires was 487 miles. Two fires occurred in the city in which life was lost. Eighteen members of the brigade were; injured whilst on duty. The old manual engine taken over from the Insurance Companies' Brigade over 30 years ago has been sold to the Dronfield Fire Brigade. This was the last of the old hand engines possessed by the Corporation. A combined tender-escape, steam-engine, and tender, are on order, and when these are delivered the, Sheffield Fire Brigade will be second to none in the kingdom for thoroughly up-to-date equipment. Other interesting details are given, and Supt. Frost concludes: - Complaints are often made of the difficulty and time wasted in getting a call through to the Fire Station. The adoption of automatic alarms, both in the streets and important buildings would be a great boon and soon save the cost of installation.