

## Attending “Outside” Fires

This question came up in a report of the Watch and Fire Brigade Committee, it being stated that the Rotherham Rural District Council did not intend to take any action in regard to fires occurring in their district.

Mr Reeves inquired if Rotherham had taken any steps to ensure the attendance of the Sheffield Fire Brigade to assist the local brigade in case of necessity. He thought that some steps in this direction were advisable.

The Mayor promised to bring it before the committee.

Alderman Gummer approved of something being done in the direction indicated.

Mr. Grundy alluding to the recommendation of the committee “that the Fire Brigade do not attend fires outside the borough” moved to eliminate the continuation of the clause “except under special circumstances in regard to which the Chief Constable may exercise his discretion.” The discretion was one which they ought not lightly to leave with the Chief Constable, and he was afraid to leave the clause intact would cause many people outside not to enter into any arrangement.

Answering Alderman Gummer, the Town Clerk said the circumstances with regard to Sheffield were very different to those of Rotherham. Sheffield had extra engines: Rotherham only had one.

Mr Jenkins said the expense which to people outside would have to meet was simply nominal, and if they had agreed, additions could have been made to the fire extinguishing appliances. The option, however, had been declined.

The minutes were passed with the slight alteration suggested by Mr. Grundy.