

Motor v Horse Power Supt. Frost's Striking Report

Appended to his to his account of a fire at Norton on Saturday night, Superintendent Frost has made an interesting comparison between the motor escape and the horse-drawn fire engine. He says: "The fire illustrates the immense superiority of the motor over the horse. The motor escape ran up Derbyshire Lane with the men aboard with ease at a good speed. Consequently on arrival the men were fresh, and ran about doing their work well. On the other hand crew of the steamer had to dismount, and were obliged to run up the lane. A stop had to be made in Norton Lees Road to pick them up. The firemen and horses arrived at the scene thoroughly exhausted and almost useless." He added that one of the horses was in such a pitiable state of exhaustion that it had to be walked home.