

Fire Brigade Horses v Motor Traction

Sir, - On Thursday evening in "Round the City" you make reference to the report of the Chief of the Fire Brigade as to the value of the motor now in use by the Fire Brigade, and assert that the day of the brigade horse is nearly over. Heaven forbid such a calamity. May I ask the simple question: Has the Brigade ever failed to reach a fire through the horses' breakdown? If the horse does breakdown, there are so many on the road that it can soon be replaced, and the Brigade can go on its mission, but let the motor break down, the same as it has done this morning on its way to Kenbourne Road, it had to stop whilst it can be replaced. It makes me shudder to think if the fire had been in the early hours of the morning with this motor stuck in the road as it was.

No sire, I venture to say the good old creatures, the horses, days are not over. This incident alone tends to show their value to the public more than ever. If they are not quite so fast, they are sure, and that's what we want. Yours, etc., **THE HORSE IS NOT DEAD YET.**

Uppertorpe, Feb 26.