



It is timely that Memory Lane should follow the old picture of Sheffield policemen with one of firemen, for it wasn't so long ago that the two were a joint service.

These are Sheffield firemen of 1909 and had the alarm gone while the photographer was at work they would have had to look more slippery than usual.

Harnessing the horse must have been a rather more elaborate "drill" than pushing the self-starter of a modern fire tender.

But it is safe to assume that the imposing officer in the helmet would keep his men up to scratch, ever on the look out for methods of speeding up the turnout.

He was Inspector W. Whittington and he carried a whole load of responsibility for he was a police inspector in Attercliffe as well.

The great-uncle of Mrs. Dora A. Longbottom, 67, Scott Road, Pitsmoor, Sheffield, he died about ten years ago.

Off Duty Note:

Life was not all crime and conflagrations for the gallant inspector. He was an organist, choirmaster, and churchwarden for a number of years.