

Lightweight Ladder for Fire Brigade

Sheffield Fire Brigade Committee making its annual tour of inspection today was shown the city's latest fire fighting appliance. It is a lightweight ladder intended to operate in difficult areas where the wheeled escape cannot be used.

Four men can carry the ladder over walls, hedges and round difficult corners quite easily. It weighs only 300 lbs.

The ladder can be used on the new multi-storey flats and maisonettes which, in many cases, could not be reached by the wheeled escape.

Promotions

The committee approved the following promotions: Station Officer F. Peel to be assistant divisional officer; sub officers R. Dickinson, C. D. Forrest and L. Gregory to be station officers; leading firemen F. Atkin, H. Hibbert and H. Wragg to be sub officers; and firemen J. E. Hughes, A. Watson and C. Ryalls to be leading firemen.

Councillor H. Redgate, chairman of the committee, speaking at lunch at Whirlow Park, said they were seriously concerned about the position at Intake.

"Nothing should be allowed, credit squeeze or not, to prevent us getting our new fire station there by 1958, and what ever other people say if necessary we should go the Home Office and tell them so."

Efficiency and Speed

Speaking of the agreement with the West Riding Fire Brigade, he said, there was some anxiety about the position at Parson Cross.

The West Riding was proposing to establish a new fire station inside Newton Chambers' works. It would take them at least 15 minutes to reach Parson Cross, which the City brigade could reach in about five-minutes from its own main station.

"The West Riding should give in that area the same protection, efficiency and speed they expect from the City brigade in the areas for which we are responsible on their behalf," he said.