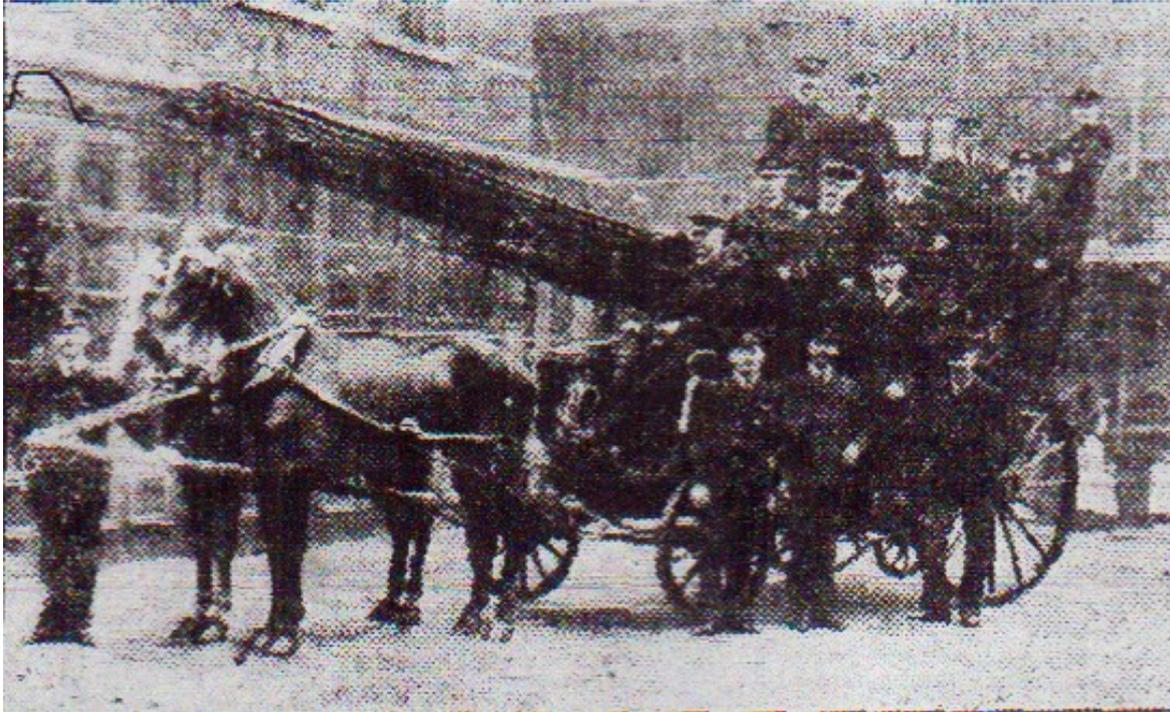


By the Way



This flashback to the days of horse-drawn fire engines will recall to many readers the impressive sight as the fine animals, skillfully driven, dashed through the streets at what seemed a tremendous speed.

This photograph is of the Sheffield Fire Brigade escape turnout. It was taken about 40 years ago

The progress of fire-fighting apparatus in those days was source of much greater interest than now, when high speed vehicles are out of sight before one has recovered from jumping out of the way

Boys would set off in pursuit hoping to counter the speed of the horses by short cuts.

If the fire was not too far away they were sometimes in time to see the fun, but more often the chase had to be abandoned.