

new addition

prairies and parts of the US.

Driving 16 hours daily, the two men made the 4,000km. trek home in a little over two days, arriving in Waterloo on January 7th. No doubt the two received many incredulous looks from fellow motorists as they made their trip across the prairies and the US in the mammoth truck.

In spite of nasty winter weather in North Dakota and Wisconsin, the trip went without a hitch, said the Chief. "The truck handled well" he told the Citizen.

The new fire truck was purchased to replace the old 1980 pumper that had been taken out of service due to a broken frame that was too costly to fix. It's currently at the Station and up for grabs at a price of \$2,000.

"The truck's done" Chief Steele said, "but the pump is still good".

Also at Fire Hall No. 1 is a big custom Superior Spartan pumper with a six-man cab. With a water capacity and pump size the same as the newly purchased truck, it's used as a

back-up pumper.

Another emergency conveyance at the Hall is the Rescue Vehicle that has enough room to hold five fire fighters in full uniform. It's also home for the Jaws of Life, carries spare tanks, medical supplies, brooms and all other equipment needed for a rescue.

On every fire call the Department received, a crew of eleven fire fighters departs to the scene; six on the pumper and five on the rescue vehicle.

Another Department acquisition is the Support Truck which is a 1974 cube van, a former rescue truck. Used to haul the hoses and equipment back to the hall for clean-up after the response to an alarm, it's used for ice water rescue too and loaded with the necessary equipment. At a major accident or fire it's also used as the command post.

"We feel we're well equipped to fight any size of fire now" Chief Steele told the Citizen. "We're in excellent shape now" he said.