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New Truck Aids N.K. Firemen

When the twin sirens, on the top of the firehall in North Kildonan, sound on alarm, the volunteer department is better prepared to fight fires. It has acquired an auxiliary supply truck that holds 1,100 gallons of water.

North Kildonan is an agricultural and residential area. The residential area is within the water district and has fire-hydrants. When a fire occurs outside the water district area, the fire department must take its water with it to fight a blaze.

The idea for the water supply truck originated in North Kildonan council. Councillor Leo Rougeau learned his company has a surplus 1948 tank truck it wanted to sell. For \$500 council bought the truck. After some body work was done, they had it painted and lettered as truck No. 2. Truck No. 1 is a pumper that cost \$11,000 and carries 500 gallons of water.

Volunteer fire chief Charles Barry reported the truck was "in good shape."

It takes about five minutes to

fill the 1,100-gallon tank in the winter months — a little longer in summer when water pressure is down. The two trucks together now can pump water on a fire for up to 30 minutes, depending on the type of nozzle used on the fire hose.

Since the auxiliary tank truck was acquired, fire insurance rates have dropped as much as 30 per cent on \$2,200,000 of the \$3,285,920 assessed property in North Kildonan.

The volunteer fire department, 14 strong, was organized July 1,

