

# FIRE DEPARTMENT AGAIN ORGANIZED

Fire Insurance Inspection Company  
Serves Warning of Raise of  
Insurance Rates

One of the first matters to come to the attention of Mayor Virgin when he took office yesterday was the warning issued by Mr. Peaks representing the General Insurance Inspection Company, of Minneapolis, of a raise in the insurance rates of Elk River, and a still further increase unless a village fire department was at once reorganized.

Mr. Peaks made a thorough investigation of the conditions here during his visit Tuesday. He stated that unless the fire department was at once reorganized the village would be placed in Class 7 which would mean an increase in insurance rates of 15 to 20 per cent at once. The rates will be raised anyway 7 per cent he stated. He also stated that unless the village took steps in the near future to install some sort of water system the insurance companies would insist on still another stiff increase.

Mayor Virgin at once decided to call a public meeting to reorganize a fire department. The meeting was held last evening at the court house, officers chosen and the organization placed once more on a sound footing. A more complete account of the proceedings will be given next week.

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