



Left to Right: John Krahn, John Fehr, Peter Striemer.

#### Pembina Thresherman Museum Inc.

Another recent local organization founded in 1966 by John A. Fehr, Neuenburg, and W. E. Elias, Blumenfeld, two area farmers, has taken the form of a Threshermen's Museum. It evolved from the Threshermen's Re-Union organized by a group of farmers and has been held at some farmer's field in September so that a threshing machine could be set up and the participants could join in friendly competitions setting up a separator and tractor, pitching bundles, tying sheaves and bags of grain, etc. From the first Re-Unions, there was a historical note in these meetings and a few of the members of the group began to display items that added a museum flavour to the entire get-together. As these collections increased, it was decided in 1969 by the members of this enthusiastic group that a permanent home for these displays should be erected. The result was that a steel building 40 by 50 feet was built and officially opened Sept. 26, 1970, on Highway 3, about three-quarter mile west of the Three-Mile-Corner. The Pembina Threshermen's Reunion is a chartered non-profit organization and to raise money for support of its projects membership cards are sold. Some of its active members who have been promoting the museum were P. G. Dyck, president; I. J. Penner, treasurer; G. G. Enns, secretary; A. Hiebert, George J. Rempel; and R. P. Browne.

#### Winkler Flying Club

The expression is often heard today that we live in an affluent society. Some of this affluence is evident not only in new luxurious homes and cars, but also in modes of tourist and business travel. As more and more people are beginning to travel by air, local air-minded citizens have been buying small planes and consequently have been looking for a landing field near home. In 1966, Gordon and Alvin Wiebe prepared a landing strip and built two hangars just north of town on Highway 14. However, the existence of this airport was short-lived when the Manitoba Hydro decided in 1967 to run a new transmission line from Rosenfeld to the Three-Mile-Winkler-Corner substation and to erect the power line half a mile north of Highway 14. This power line cut across the north end of the flying field.

Subsequently, local pilots have reluctantly used the Stanley Flying Field which is located three miles north-east of Morden. There have been proposals for uniting the efforts of Morden and Winkler to develop a combined airport at the Stanley Flying Field and thus to establish a municipal or regional airport.

Other suggestions from the Winkler Flying Club have been to the effect that Winkler proceed with its own local municipal airport. Consequently, on October 8, 1970, a delegation from the Town of Winkler made up of members of the Council and interested business men attended a meeting of Stanley Council and requested the annexation by the Town of 57 acres of land to be used as a municipal airport just east of Winkler along Highway 32.



Fire Brigade 1906-1943.