

SHEFFIELD BUS STRIKE.

Trouble brews in Sheffield over the Corporation's plan to solve the rush-hour transport problem. The city is short of 500 bus drivers and conductors, so it hires private coaches to help out at peak periods. But here's the snag - the coaches run without conductors; passengers put their money in a box. Sheffield bus crews object to this, and have declared they will strike every Saturday till the scheme is withdrawn. They have rejected a proposal that wartime clippies should be re-employed part time to work the coaches.

Passengers are put on their honour to pay the right fare. No tickets are issued. The Corporation insists that the shortage of bus crews makes the scheme essential if the city is to have adequate transport. Bus workers say the shortage would be solved if pay and conditions were improved. Meanwhile, the patient public waits for a settlement.