

# STATIONARY ENGINEERS

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**WANT AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE  
THEIR ACT.**

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**Ask New Legislation to Safeguard  
Human Life and Property from  
Boiler Explosion and Improve the  
Standard of Profession.**

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A deputation representing stationary engineers waited on Hon. J. S. Duff, Minister of Agriculture, and asked for certain amendments to the act respecting stationary engineers.

They urged that all engines and plants having a capacity of 25 h.p. or over and a steam pressure of ten pounds or over should come within the jurisdiction of the act. At present it only covers plants of 50 h.p. or over or a steam pressure of 20 pounds.

They also asked for a standard by which the h.p. should be figured, and suggested that a h.p. should mean 12 square feet heating surface for tubular boilers, and 10 square feet for water-tube boilers. This, however, they pointed out, was merely a suggestion, and they would be quite willing to accept any other reasonable definition so long as it constituted a standard basis for figuring.

Another request was that the Board of Stationary Engineers should be given power to enforce the act, and they likewise requested that henceforth two years' practical experience be one of the requisites for passing the examination.

They also asked for an addition to the act providing that it cover persons operating a hoisting plant in any building in course of construction or having charge of steam rollers or other construction apparatus in any town or city.

The objects of the amendments were to safeguard human life and property from the danger of boiler explosions and also to improve the standard of stationary engineering as a profession.

Mr. F. W. Barron, Secretary, was chief spokesman for the engineers. The Minister discussed the various points involved in a very friendly manner, and promised to give the suggestions more detailed consideration later.

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