

6. Any undue restriction on the working of such aforesaid marine engines would at once check the present increasing trade both in shipbuilding and in the use of oil-engines, and would be detrimental to the colony.

Your petitioners therefore pray: (1.) That all oil-engines under 20 brake horse-power be allowed to run absolutely without restriction. (2.) That all oil-engines of a larger power be run by men who have passed a sufficient examination on the working of oil-engines alone irrespective of steam-power. (3.) That a competent Examiner be forthwith appointed to conduct such examinations. (4.) That all persons who can satisfy such Examiner or such other proper authority as may be appointed that they have successfully worked and operated marine oil-engines prior to 1st June, 1899, be granted certificates of service available for use both within restricted limits and also at sea, but only for engines used as an auxiliary power in vessels fully equipped as sailing ships.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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