BRITISH ENGINE INSURANCE

“100 Years of British Engine,” 1978
Founded in Manchester on 12 November 1878

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Scene of the devastation at a Blackburn mill

Two 9-month old Lancashire boilers exploded simultaneously in March 1874 killing 11 people and injuring another 21. The cause was said to be due to unequal expansion owing to overheating of the upper portion of the shell “in consequence of the objectionable arrangement of the external flues” in a misguided attempt to make fuel savings.
Another view of the Blackburn Mill boiler explosion
Aftermath of a boiler explosion at Tyne Plate Glass Works, South Shields, in July 1877

A 10-yr old boy standing on a nearby public quay was killed by flying pieces of boiler and so was a 17-month old baby girl in her home 60 yards away. In addition, six people were injured.
Boiler Inspection Certificate 1890 (top) and Policy covering two boilers
Borough of Dudley, 1885 (bottom)
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of Breakdowns
i.e.
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Premium Receipt from 1940