

Mod 18th "Latona" of 280 tons.

The vessel left Timaru (New Zealand) loaded with a full cargo of wheat for U.K., and ~~afterwards~~ subsequently put into Port Chalmers, leaky. She was surveyed on dry dock by Mr Russell, the Society's Surveyor at that Port from the 29th May to July 3rd (25 visits) During this time it would appear that all the recommendations made by Mr Russell were carried out, and no objection appears to have been taken by the Owner's Agent to these recommendations. The vessel was retreenailed from bilge to plank sheer (2300 treenails) in addition to being recaulked all over, and other repairs. On being ^{when loaded} undocked it was found that she made 1 inch of water for a few hours - which is not uncommon with a newly treenailed vessel - and this amount was subsequently diminished to $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch per hour. Complaint is made is made that though a survey was held on the vessel by several Surveyors, who pronounced the vessel seaworthy and capable of proceeding on her voyage, Mr Russell deferred sending in his report from ^{the date of} his last visit viz July 3rd till July 15th - for the purpose it is alleged of "overriding" the reports made by others. Mr Russell in his report

to the Committee sets forth the repairs, which
were done, as before stated, but in his
general observations states that "In consequence
of the rotten condition of the trenails
remaining in hull &c." he is of opinion
that the vessel is not entitled to retain
her character A1 in the Register book.

It is submitted that after a
careful perusal of the reports and
correspondence bearing on this case, as
afforded, it is impossible without
further communication with Mr
Russell to express any opinion on
the merits of the case for the guidance
of the Committee.

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