

Extract from Capt John Jeffreys' letter, master of the
Barque 'Latona' at Dunedin

Dunedin 19 July 1884

Messrs McKellar & Co

Dunedin

I beg to inform you that your vessel
the 'Latona' has gone under a thorough repair at this port
under Lloyd's Surveyors and Mr Conway, and a practical master
Ship Carpenter, they superintending the work done at all times.

There has been ²²⁵⁸ 2258 New Greenails put into the vessel, also
a great number of iron & metal Bolts for re-fastening - you will
see by voucher all particulars of quantity, caulking, coppering &c

Lloyd's Surveyors refuses to give a good report that the vessel is
fit to carry her cargo of grain to U.S. in a good condition, so we
have had an independent survey, and it is satisfactory, that the
vessel is fit and in good condition to carry a perishable cargo to
any part of the world - The ship after leaving Dry Dock
made 7 1/2 inch per hour after taking cargo on board 8 inch per hour
Since then she has been taking up now makes 9 inch per hour

Your Obedient Servant
/ Signed / John Jeffreys



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