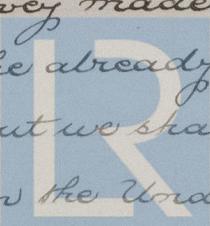


Extract from Mess^{rs} Dalgety & Co^s letter dated Dunedin
17th July 1884.

Dunedin 17th July 1884

After examination of the "Latona" when the repairs to her Hull had been commenced, it was found absolutely necessary for a far larger number of trenails to be replaced than it was at first expected. These additional repairs were authorized by Captain Jeffrey & your accredited representative Mr. Conway & the vessel came out of Dock on 19th June & took on board her original cargo again. When this was reshipped it was found that the "Latona" was making some considerable quantity of water, but this we understand from Captain Jeffrey & others, is usually the case when a vessel has been re-trenailed & re-coppered. She was daily pumped out & we do not believe that any of the cargo on board has in the slightest degree sustained damage - but Captain Russell, the Surveyor for Lloyd's Register & also for our local Insurance Association has proved obstructive, & has refused to give us any written report or survey of her condition since she came out of dock, though he has verbally intimated to us that he does not consider the "Latona" fit to carry a cargo of grain to England. Captain Jeffrey in accordance with our suggestion, had a fresh survey made last week by Captain Thomson - late Harbour Master of this port & by Mr. Law, Shipwright & you will notice from the enclosed copy of same, that they, at all events, consider the "Latona" to be in a proper condition to resume her voyage. Whether the Surveyor to Lloyd's will compel us to have another survey made in order to substantiate one or other of the already expressed opinions, we cannot at present say, but we shall doubtless have some official intimation from the Underwriters of the ^{Prudential} ^{Policy} ^{Office} ^{Bank}.



Cargo on this matter very shortly.

(signed) Dalgety & Co. Ltd

Edwin J. Spence
agent



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