

Extract from Messrs Dalgety & Co letter dated  
Dunedin dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 1884

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On 26 Inst we wrote at length to the managing  
Director of the Grain Agency Co Christchurch and  
explained to him the exact nature of the complications  
in regard to the "Latona" sending him copies of the survey  
reports by Captains Thompson & Macfarlane, & we  
requested him to give us a decided answer whether  
the £1000 placed by you to the credit of Captain Jeffery  
would be paid or not

His reply was sent by Telegram & reached us yesterday  
& is to the effect that until Captain Russell the Surveyor  
to the Local Underwriters Association gives the "Latona"  
a good report - he will neither pay the £1000 nor advance  
any funds on Bottomry - Captain Russell only returned  
to Dunedin last evening after an absence of 10 days  
so no report could be got from him - The Grain Agency  
Co would like to see the cargo discharged from the "Latona"  
& reshipped in another vessel & they are by no means anxious  
we think to see that she has a good certificate as being  
fit to carry her cargo home - we advise Captain Jeffery  
to cable you the position of matters, as delay only entails  
further expenses

Yours faithfully  
(Signed) Dalgety & Co Ltd  
Edwin J. Spence  
Agent



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