

Copy of Owners Cablegram to Dalgety & Co Dunedin on  
learning that vessel "Latona" could not proceed to Sea  
for want of Certificate of Seaworthiness

Liverpool 6 August 1884

"What does Surveyor recommend - Can you do what is  
necessary - A Certificate of Seaworthiness is absolutely necessary.  
The must not proceed without certificate of Seaworthiness"

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In reply to the above Mr R Conway, Overlooker for Underwriters  
and Owners, replies by letter as follows

Dunedin 7<sup>th</sup> August 1884

"It is useless to reply to your message, as it has no bearing  
on the case now, but I will answer it as follows -

- 1<sup>st</sup> The Surveyor (Captain Russell) recommends the cargo to be  
again discharged, and the vessel filled with water to find  
out the leak, which I say, and so does every one else with  
any common sense, is utterly preposterous
- 2<sup>nd</sup> We cannot do what is necessary, as you see from above -
- 3<sup>rd</sup> We have two Certificates of much more practical & experienced  
men than Captain Russell, that the ship is seaworthy in every  
respect fit to carry her cargo to any part of the world, and  
I see no reason, nor does any one else here but Capt Russell  
see any reason why she should not proceed."



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*Latona*

*Extract from letters  
from J.B. Conway  
Dunedin*

*overlooker of repairs  
acting on behalf of  
owners underwriters  
on Hull*



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