

Copy of Report by Lloyd's Surveyors

Dunedin 23rd May 1884

The undersigned at the request of Capt. Jeffrey & Messrs Dalgetty & Co. (Agents) made a careful inspection in the Dry Dock at Port Chalmers of the Barque Latone, and report as follows. That we found 25 feet of the false keel aft & 12 feet forward broken off & gone, false stem post started, bolts in dove-tail plates fastening stem post to keel broken, fore end of keel split about 5 feet, metal much wrinkled, chiefly forward & aft & amidships. Starboard side where apparently that part of the vessel had been in violent contact with some hard substance, the metal was chafed, broken & wrinkled for a considerable space aft & below the walis. The seams of stantins, waterways, comings, bits & butts of decks showed indications of straining. Coming of masts & coasts much started about 200 bags of wheat have been landed wet & badly damaged with salt water. We are of opinion that to make the vessel entitled to retain her Character of A1 on Lloyd's Register & fit to carry dry cargo from this port to Europe it will be necessary to strip all the metal off the bottom, to partially re-fasten the keel with, as far as we can judge at present 1000 Iron nails (Hard wood) & a through bolt (in the timber next the butt) in each plank end of all the started butts, & a 9 in clamp bolt in each Hood end of stem & stem post. Fastenings of Rudder hangings all examined & faulty bolts renewed, fore part of keel properly repaired false keel where gone renewed, keel thoroughly caulked & bottom re-metalled. We estimate the cost of repairs above indicated will be about £700 including the Dock dues.

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