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Stage N. 3.

Port Chalmers July 11th & 14th 1884

We the undersigned have this day made a thorough inspection of the Barge "Latona" (as far as could be seen) as she now lies afloat laden with wheat at the Railway pier Port Chalmers and certify to the following.

- 1st That we took a series of soundings in the well at regular intervals extending over eight hours, & find the average leak to be $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches per hour
- 2nd As far as could be seen, there is no defect about the hull, spars, rigging, sails, ground tackle or boats.
- 3rd That the vessel is not down to the plimsoll deep loadline by twelve inches.
- 4th That we examined the Log Book & find from records of previous soundings in the well the leak is slowly getting less from day to day, we are also aware that the vessel has just undergone a heavy repair, consisting of repasting, caulking & reoppering.
- 5th Again on the 14th inst. we again sounded the well & find that the leak is still slowly decreasing, With the foregoing data & knowing as a rule that wooden vessels after getting repaired are leaky for a time

after they are floated, we are of opinion that
under ordinary circumstances the Barque should
carry her cargo dry & that she is stronger & in
better trim than when she left Limerick for Britain
having 175 Bags of wheat less than the original
cargo on board.

Also that the pumps having stood for 12 hours
the vessel was pumped dry in 12 minutes.

Received for three guineas

John Thomson
Master Mariner

Received for three guineas

David Laro
Master Shipwright



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