

Port Chalmers July 15th 1884

Repairs to Barge Latona

I have to report that the repairs to Barge Latona has been completed according to specification to my satisfaction & in addition I have had 2238 thnails driven into her, and a number of yellow metal bolts driven into both bilges & clinched, and a number of iron bolts driven into top sides and clinched, besides a number of yellow metal bolts & iron bolts driven into butt ends at both ends of ship, unbolted one iron brace in lower hold and repaired it & rebolted knee with yellow metal clinch bolts, besides had a few yellow metal clinch bolts driven into other parts of the lower hold knees, Decks Caulked and all repairs necessary about the decks completed, and I consider her strong & staunch and fit to proceed on her voyage

Wm Menelaus
Ship Builder
Inspector of Repairs



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