

Extract from Messrs Dalgety & Co's letter to
Dunedin dated 31st 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 Captain 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 London & Overseas Association gives the 'Latona'
a good report - he will neither pay the £1000 nor advance
any fund 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'
& re-shipped 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 expense

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



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