

Extract of letter from Mr. J. B. Conway. Overlooker on behalf
of owners and underwriters on ship Latona

Dunedin

With regards to the Lloyd's Surveyors Captain Russell which
spoke about in mine of 14th inst. I have turned out that he
has got the reports of his first & 2nd survey away from
office (Dalgelys) under promise of making some extracts from
them. But in reality to get possession of them & has not given them
up & refuses to do so. on account of our having thrown him
overboard in another case. Fortunately I have sent you
one copy home kept one myself & as Dalgelys had a copy of
the first one, we can do without the second one. I have
of course Mr. Conway's letter.

a strong letter to the Under-
writers association about this matter. I have
also recommended him to the Marine Insurance
Company. However as I said in
last letter of the 14th inst. - we
cover all necessary matters in the
in every respect. We have a good report of the work done
in vessel from Mr. Macdonald who inspected
the work for us (he was recommended & approved of by Lloyd's
Surveyors) and as I was by the ship the whole time the
repairs were forward & paid the strictest attention to
every item of it. I can fully testify that the ship
is staunch in every part & have done so in my report on the
matter: a copy of which I will enclose, as also the Inspector. near
as the little water she is making I have not the least doubt she
will be tight enough in a little, when she gets shaken up
a bit, she is only making bare 2nd per hour now. There are
very few wooden ships making less. I think, again, all that
that Captain Russell is of unseaworthiness
will not amount to much as it is well known