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Palmerston Buildings Auckland
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Secretary, N.Z. Register of Shipping, London.

Sir. In answer to your letter of the 24 Sept 1901. [N1] in margin. I beg to state that I sent

San Francisco Mail Samples of Pukutukawa, Kauripine and
iri. Woods. After I sent my Samples, I received samples from
Mr. Lane, enclosed with the Plans of the "Comet of Raupurhi".

I also had posted at a late hour - Had not time to write
cautions, as I was called away, and the mail closed. Mr Lane
happened to be in Town, I enclose his letter to me. I passed
vessel, as I thought, if diagonal straps were required. The extra
of Kerl. Keeken, also a rider Keelson. Clamps, Waterway and
of the Frames - as shown in the Report and the Midship Section -
all more than compensate for the Straps. Therefore with due respect
the Committee I trust the work will be passed. The N. Z.
Government sent their Engineer to inspect the vessel before she
launched, and he was satisfied with the strength and the
workmanship.

The Puriri wood is not in Table A. This wood
used by all builders, as the most durable wood we have, it
ought to be for Railway Sleepers. House blocks. Stems and Stem posts
vessel whenever it can be procured. I compare it with the Teak wood.
The Houses in Mr Lane's longitudinal plan are not shown. I will
to again this mail and get the correct placing of them, and forward
all the information I got in case the Committee would be waiting.
I enclose a rough sketch showing how the Houses are placed. The Main
frames from the Stem to Stem no break in it either with the Clamps
Waterways, and the Houses are built upon the main deck with
raised 2^d deck at each side of the Cabin House. The Collector of
atoms here has heard from Captain Reid & Worley. They Report that
vessel encountered some very bad weather, and she behaved splendidly.
The Engine working well. Mr Lane says he has lost money in the
building, therefore will not put fresh anchors and Chains on board, so the
vessel cannot have the equipment etc. The present vessel was built by
Mr Lane, and is the same model as the "Comet of Raupurhi" only 3' deeper.
I will get the Plans and forward them.

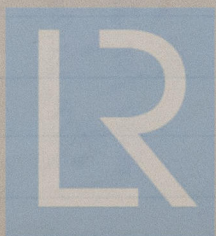
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Senorita I trust Barguente. This vessel will be Docked ~~end~~ of this week. I have asked Master to have the ~~rust~~ ~~knocked~~ off the anchor that I can get the Marks you have asked for. You wrote in reference to the Chains. They measured $1\frac{7}{16}$ $1\frac{3}{16}$. The mistake was made by the Carpenter during the chains. I was standing by and put the measurements in my book, but I ought to have checked. The Certificate gives $1\frac{7}{16}$ or $1\frac{8}{16}$ it is in the Cert. Awarua. P.S. With interview the Owner I get the 10p. for office fee.

Yours
Srs

Your obedient servant
M. T. Clayton

Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping
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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor.

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Also for Mr. Hill to note.
Mr. Linnear



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