(a). TITLE .: LAUNCH.

Picture.: - She has been built for the Union company of New Zealand, and is intended --

-- for service between ports of that country.

The naming is performed by Lady Wilford, --

--wife of the High Commissioner of New Zealand. Crash goes the bottle -- and the fine new twin-screw steamer glides away, --

"down to the sea in slips". I mean, of course, the ship - not those on board ! The only kind of slips they make in this yard, are those leading directly to the water. The Rangutira has accommodation for over a thousand passengers and crew.

She's as fine a looking vessel as they've turned out at Barbow. Here's success to her "life on the ocean wave".