

UNIT NUMBER:

CHIEF COMMISSIONER

AREA OF SERVICE: LAKE WINNIPEG (1872-1875)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Screw-steamer, single funnel.

Construction:

Designer and builder: D.W. Hewitt, Lower Fort Garry, 1871-1872 for the Hudson's Bay Company.

Dimensions:

Draft:

Number of passengers: Number of crew:

Plans:

Power: Two non-condensing side-valve engines (84 hp.) from *Anson Northup* made by C. Dumont, Cincinnati, April 1872.

Registered:

Speed:

Tonnage:

HISTORY:

- 1872-1875 Operated on Lake Winnipeg. Had been designed for Lake Manitoba but could not proceed up the Little Saskatchewan (Dauphin) River (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").
- 1875 Flat bottom unsuitable for Lake Winnipeg. Declared unsafe and dismantled. Engines transferred to *Colville*. Hull became a floating warehouse at Lower Fort Garry (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").
- 1876, Winter Laid up below Selkirk but repaired (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").
- 1881 Floating warehouse was moved to become a storehouse on shore [at Colville Landing?]. Fate unknown (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").

MASTERS:

None identified.



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MICROFILM REELS:

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