

**UNIT NUMBER:**

**DISTRIBUTOR**

Distributor St. in Inuvik named after her (*Canoma* July, 1989, p. 17)

**AREA OF SERVICE: MACKENZIE RIVER**  
(lower river, Fort Smith to Aklavik)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Sternwheel tug

Construction: Wooden built, fueled by cordwood, converted to oil in 1944.  
Designer and builder: George Askew, Vancouver, British Columbia  
Dimensions: 151 feet x 35.3 feet (RG3/51/12).  
Draft: 2'4" – 2'6" light; 4'6" – 3'6" loaded  
Number of passengers: 80 Number of crew: 30  
Plans: Crankshaft, boiler 1944; deck plan, oil conversion, towing tackle (RG3/51/12)  
Power: horizontal twin cylinder single non-condensing steam engine by Polson (RG3/51/12)  
Speed: 10 mph light; 8 mph loaded (RG3/51/12)  
Tonnage: 150 tons dwt.(RG3/51/12); could carry 150 tons cargo, and push barges with 350 tons cargo (RG2/7/163).

**HISTORY:**

1920 Built for Lamson & Hubbard Canadian Co.  
1921, September Sold to Alberta & Arctic Transportation Co. Ltd.  
1924 Acquired by the Hudson's Bay Company when it took over the Alberta & Arctic Transportation Co. Ltd. (RG3/10/1; RG3/51/12).  
1942-1945 Canol Project (RG2/7/200, 201).  
1947 Stopped operating when the Company got out of the common carrier business (RG2/1/31, #2701).  
1948 Partly dismantled, any saleable equipment disposed of (RG7 - General Correspondence - 18-5-1A(3) - MR7 Annual Report 1948).

**MASTERS:**

1928 Charles A. Gardner  
ca. 1932-1948 Don Naylor (Biog.)



**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

*The Beaver*, June 1925, p. 121; June 1934, p. 53; December 1936, pp. 34-35; March 1937, p. 31; June 1941, pp. 4-9; Summer 1984, pp. 34-41  
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**PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:**

Photo Collection 1987/363-D-17/1-132 and others

**REFERENCES:**

RG2/7/163 Fur Trade Department-Mackenzie River Transport, Memorandum, Fur Trade Commissioner to General Manager, 12 November 1932  
RG3/51/12 Ship's Dossier  
RG3/56/2 Boiler 1943-1944  
RG3/66A/1 Miscellaneous 1947

**MICROFILM REELS:**