

**UNIT NUMBER:**

**MANITOBA**

(Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co. Ship)

**AREA OF SERVICE:** ASSINIBOINE RIVER (1880-1882)  
SASKATCHEWAN RIVER (ca. 1882-1884)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Sternwheeler.

**Construction:**

Designer and builder: James Douglas, Moorhead, Winter 1874-1875 for Merchants International Line.

Dimensions: 165' x 31', 4' draught (in 1880 lengthened nearly 40').

Draft:

Number of passengers: Number of crew:

Plans:

Power: Two horizontal non-condensing engines, North Star Iron Works, Minneapolis, 1875 (29.2 h.p.).

Registered:

Speed:

Tonnage: Registered - 194.61 tons.

**HISTORY:**

1874-1875 Built for Merchants International Line (McCarthy, "*Steamboats...*").

1875 Was sunk by the *International* in a collision near Winnipeg but soon raised and repaired (Info. on photo in 1987/363-M-450)

1876, 26 April Bought by Red River Transportation Company for \$9,446.00 (McCarthy, "*Steamboats...*").

1879, Spring Bought by Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co., Winnipeg.

1880 Began regular runs on Assiniboine River.

1881 Brought down trying to save *City of Winnipeg*. (Info. on photo in 1987/363-M-450)

ca. 1882 Transferred to Saskatchewan.

1884-1885 Laid up inside mouth of Sturgeon (Shell) River.

1885 Intended for use as troop transport for Riel Rebellion, but when ice broke filled with water and was a total wreck. Boiler used in a succession of sawmills (McCarthy, "*Steamboats...*").

**MASTERS:**

None identified.

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MICROFILM REELS:

