

**UNIT NUMBER:**

**MARQUETTE**

**AREA OF SERVICE:** ASSINIBOINE RIVER (1879-1883)  
LAKE WINNIPEG-RED RIVER (1883-1894)

(North West Navigation Company Ship)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Double-deck sternwheeler, square stern.

**Construction:**

Designer and builder: John S. Irish of Moorhead for Peter McArthur of Winnipeg, 1878.

Dimensions: 130' x 28' x 15" light loaded.

Draft:

Number of passengers: Number of crew:

Plans:

Power: Two horizontal non-condensing engines, Coming & Dupree of St. Paul, Minneapolis, 1875 (29.4 h.p.); two - 16 boilers (new machinery from La Crosse Wisconsin in 1879-1880).

Registered:

Speed:

Tonnage: Registered - 266.47 tons.

**HISTORY:**

1879 Steamed to Winnipeg, operated on Assiniboine River to new settlements as far as Fort Ellice and Fort Pelly (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").

1880, October Peter McArthur sold half interest to Walter J. Pratt (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").

1881 Pratt transferred share to W.H. Lyon, shareholder in Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co., Winnipeg (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").

1881, 12 July WWTC sold its interest to Peter McArthur (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").

1882 McArthur and his brother sold to North West Navigation Company.

1883 Moved to Lake Winnipeg and Red River for fishing enterprises at Selkirk (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").

1894, August Sank in Red River (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").

**MASTERS:**

None identified.

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