

UNIT NUMBER:

MOUNT ROYAL

AREA OF SERVICE: SKEENA & STIKINE RIVERS; PACIFIC COAST

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Sternwheel river steamer

Construction: Wood (largely spruce and cedar)
Designer and builder: Designer: A. Watson
Builder: The Victoria Machinery Depot Company Limited
Dimensions: Length - 130' Breadth - 28' Depth - 5'
Draft:
Number of passengers: Number of crew:
Plans: Specifications A.12/FT 341[14], fo. 65-78, G.1/404, G.1/405
Blueprint Plan of Kitsalas Canyon from sketch drawn by Captain Johnson, [1900]
(A.12/FT 229/3, fo. 185)
Power: 2 engines of 14" diam x 60" stroke; working pressure of 200 lbs. per sq.in.
Registered:
Speed:
Tonnage:

HISTORY:

1902 Built to carry freight and passengers on Skeena and Stikine Rivers and along the coast, as the S.S. *Caledonia* was no longer sufficient to ward off competitors (A.12/FT 341[14], fo. 55-58)
1906, May Serious accident on Skeena River, near Kitseukla, when one engine broke; 30 tons of freight left on river and the passengers sent 20 miles to Hazelton in canoe; Captain Johnson brought the vessel on one engine safely to Port Essington (A.12/FT 341[9], fo. 91-109)
1907, July Cross current drove her against Ringbolt Island, Kitsalas Canyon. Turned turtle. Six crew members drowned. Passengers, some furs saved. Ship a total loss. (A.12/FT 341[9], fo. 111-136)

MASTERS:

1902-1907 Captain Johnson



BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Stevens, C. G. (Mrs.) "River Boats on the Skeena", *The Beaver*, December 1936, pp. 51-52

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:

at Esquimalt - a side-on view, showing crew in wheelhouse, men, women and children lining the decks, [1902]
(HBCA Photo Collection, 1979/53-690)

REFERENCES:

(A.12/FT 341[14], fo. 55-91) Correspondence,
"Skeena & Stikine Rivers Transport," 1902-1906 (855)
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"S.S. *Mount Royal*," 1902-1907 (inc. Crew & Passenger List, July 1907) (854)

MICROFILM REELS:

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