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 Colvile. 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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