UNIT NUMBER: DISTRIBUTOR

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

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

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.)

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