UNIT NUMBER:

ENTERPRISE

AREA OF SERVICE: VICTORIA-NEW WESTMINSTER (1862-1883)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Sidewheeler

Construction:

Designer and builder: Built at San Francisco in 1861.
Dimensions: 134' x 27'7" x 6'9" (Lewis & Dryden's Marine History of the Pacific Northwest).

Draft:

Number of passengers: 60  Number of crew:

Plans:

Power: Walking beam engines 30" x 72"; paddlewheels 19 feet in diameter (Notebook of Thomas Westgarth)

Registered:

Speed: 75 h.p. (Notebook of Thomas Westgarth).

Tonnage: 150 tons freight

HISTORY:

1861  Built at San Francisco for trade with Stockton, but brought north to operate on Puget Sound (Norman R. Hacking, "Steamboating on the Fraser...", pp. 21, 39).

1862, March  Purchased for the Hudson's Bay Company to carry passengers along the Victoria-New Westminster and up the Fraser River route, to supersede the Otter (B.226/b/20, p. 252; B.226/b/22, pp. 264-265).

1862, 3 April  Made first voyage (Norman R. Hacking, "Steamboating on the Fraser...", pp. 21, 39).

1871-1872  Fair amount of work Victoria-New Westminster (B.226/b/45, pp. 151, 264).

1883  Sold to Canadian Pacific Navigation Company.

1885, July 28  Collided with R.P. Rithe, was abandoned on Cadboro Bay (B.226/b/56, fo. 97, 102, 105).

MASTERS:

John Swanson

1862  W.A. Mouat (Norman R. Hacking, "Steamboating on the Fraser in the 'Sixties'", pp. 21, 39
W.H. McNeill
Herbert Lewis
George Rudlin

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