UNIT NUMBER: 78005 or 78007  
AREA OF SERVICE: SASKATCHEWAN RIVER (1882-1897)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:
Stern wheeler, two decks, square stern, carval build  (F.41/2 fo. 82)

Designer and builder: John Irish, Moorhead, for Peter McArthur, Spring 1881, for $27,000.00
Dimensions: Length - 200'; width - 33'; hold - 4.5'

Number of passengers: 80 berths    Number of crew:

Power: two horizontal non-condensing engines, Pioneer Iron Works, LaCrosse, WI (F.41/2 fo. 82)

Registered:
Tonnage: 305 Tons

HISTORY:
1881 Built for Peter McArthur, eight trips     (McCarthy; F.41/7 fos. 7-9)
1882, 15 March Sold to North-West Navigation Company, towed by Princess to Grand Rapids (ibid.)
1882 season Repaired, owned by Winnipeg & North Western Transportation Company, made three trips for HBC before winter (ibid.; F.41/2 fo. 74b-80)
1883 Had an accident at Victoria Rapids, repaired at Grand Rapids, beached at Cumberland House (ibid.)
1884, 16 April Bought by Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co. (F.41/2 fo. 82)
1884, July Certificates of Safety issued at Grand Rapids     (F.41/2 fo. 90, 91)
1885 season Served in Riel Rebellion, damaged on shoal, repaired at Prince Albert     (McCarthy)
1886 season Made three trips between The Pas, Prince Albert, Victoria, Grand Rapids     (F.40/5, 6; F.41/2 fo. 92)
1887 season Made four trips between Prince Albert, Grand Rapids, Edmonton and Victoria
(F.40/2a Vol. 1, F.40/4 fos. 1-42; F.40/5, 6; SF: “Ships - “North West”)
1888 season Made four trips between Grand Rapids, Prince Albert, Edmonton and Victoria
(F.40/2a Vol. 2, F.40/4 fos. 43-63; F.40/5, 6; SF: “Ships - “North West”)
1889 season Made one trip between Cumberland, Grand Rapids, freight by York Boat to Prince Albert
(F.40/4 fos. 64-66; F.40/5)
1890 season Made two trips between Cumberland, Grand Rapids, Edmonton     (F.40/2b; F.40/5; F.4/40 fos. 64-77; F.40/6)
1892 season Made two trips between Prince Albert and Grand Rapids
(F.40/3 pp. 10-13; F.40/4 fos. 78-95; F.40/5, 6; F.41/2 fos. 95-97 inventory)
1893 season Made four trips stopping Fort Pitt, The Pas, Grand Rapids, Prince Albert etc.
(F.40/1 pp. 23-61; F.40/3 pp. 16-17; F.40/4 fos. 96-122; F.40/5, 6)
1894 season Made three trips stopping Fort Pitt, The Pas, Grand Rapids, Prince Albert etc.
(F.40/1 pp. 62-104; F.40/3 pp. 18-23; F.40/4 fos. 123-148; F.40/5, 6)
1895 season Laid up (F.36/1 fo. 251)
1896 season Repaired, made two trips between Prince Albert & Edmonton (F.36/1 fo. 251; F.40/7-9)
1897 season Made three trips between Prince Albert, Edmonton, Victoria, then laid up     (F.36/1 fo. 255; F.40/7-14)
1898 Advertised for sale     (F.41/10 fo. 384)
1899 Completely destroyed by Edmonton flood, flotsam seen at Saddle Lake (Wickenden; Corr. R.W. Hendriks, 1998)
1900 Attempts to salvage and sell parts of “wreck”     (F.41/10 fo. 403); boilers lifted from the North Saskatchewan at Edmonton, hauled by wagon to Victoria Settlement near Smoky Lake (AB) to power a saw-mill, then used to heat the new Smoky Lake Hospital    (Corr. R.W. Hendriks, 1998)

MASTERS: See Reverse Side

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MASTERS:
1882    H. Cup. Colk (?), Master (F.41/2 fo. 78)
1883-1888    James Sheets, Master (F.40/4 fos. 1-63;  F.41/2 fo. 86, 91, 94d)
1889, 1890    John Mackenzie Smith, Master (F.40/4 fos. 64-77)
1892-1894    Julius Dougal, Master (F.40/4 fos. 78-148)
1897    Peter Smith, Captain (F.40/11 p. 45)

CLERKS:
1886    C.M. Clarke, Clerk (F.40/5)
1887    W.R. Talbot, Clerk (F.40/4 fo. 1)
1888-1897    Richard S. McGinn, Clerk (F.40/4 fo. 43;  F.40/6)
1897    Richard S. McGinn, Manager (Corresp. Hendricks, 1996/06)