UNIT NUMBER: T9

NORTHLAND ECHO

AREA OF SERVICE: MACKENZIE RIVER (Upper Route) (1928-1945)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:
Sternwheel tug.

Construction: B.C. fir and cedar.
Dimensions: Length - 137.6'; breadth - 24.3'; depth - 5.78'.
Draft: Light - fore: 1'10", aft: 2'; loaded - fore: 4'5"; aft: 3'6".
Number of passengers: 60
Number of crew: 26.
Plans:
Power: Horizontal twin cylinder simple non-condensing steam engine; built 1900 by Vulcan Iron Works, Vancouver, and installed in 1929. Boilers hand fired by cordwood with consumption of 1/2 to 3/4 cord per hour.
Registered:
Speed: Light - 8 mph; loaded - 6 mph.
Tonnage: Gross - 532.11 tons; net - 335.23 tons; deadweight - 75 tons.

HISTORY:
1928 Acquired by the Hudson's Bay Company with other assets of J.K. Cornwall's Athabasca Shipping Company.
1928-1945 Employed, though probably not in commission every season.
1946, 18 June Described as "totally scrapped" (RG2/7/file 5-3-9, 1945-1947).

MASTERS:
None identified.

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