

UNIT NUMBER: 78

ATHABASCA RIVER II

AREA OF SERVICE: ATHABASCA RIVER

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Sternwheel tug

Construction: B.C. fir and cedar.
Designer and builder: George Askew, Vancouver.
Power: Locomotive marine boiler, ex *D.A. Thomas*, hand fired with cordwood.
Horizontal twin cylinder simple non-condensing steam engine. Boiler and engine built by Polson Iron Works, Toronto.
Dimensions: Length - 147.5'; depth amidships - 6.9'; beam amidships - 35.6'.
Draft: Light - fore - 2'6"; aft - 2'6"; Loaded - fore - 4'6"; aft - 3'6".
Number of passengers: 60. Number of crew: 26.
Registered: Winnipeg. Official No. 250, 792
Speed: Light - 10 mph; Loaded - 8 mph.
Plans: Total of four, prepared by George Askew in November 1921 (RG3/51/2)
Tonnage: Gross - 866.16; net - 545.68; deadweight - 150
(was capable of pushing 200 ton freight barge).

HISTORY:

1922 Built at Fort McMurray for service between Fort McMurray and Fort Fitzgerald.
1930's Appears not to have been in continuous commission.
1949 Register closed on 25 February as vessel had been broken up.

MASTERS:

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