

UNIT NUMBER:**LILY****AREA OF SERVICE:** UPPER SASKATCHEWAN (1877-1883)**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Double-decked sternwheeler, squared stern.

Construction: Steel framework.
 Designer and builder: Yarrow & Co., Glasgow for the Hudson's Bay Company, 1876.
 Dimensions: Length - 100'; Width - 24'.
 Draft:
 Number of passengers: Number of crew:
 Plans: 1881 - rough floor plan of quarter deck (D.20/19, fo. 243).
 Power: Two horizontal non-condensing engines made by Yarrow & Co. in London (31.80 hp.)
 Registered:
 Speed:
 Tonnage: Freight - 100 tons; registered - 130.42 tons.

**HISTORY:**

1876 Sent out in sections from England for use on the Athabasca - Slave River route if the pieces could be transported to Fort McMurray (D.13/10, p. 36).
 1877, September Launched at Grand Rapids for Upper Saskatchewan use (D.13/11, fos. 10d-11; D.14/17).
 1879, August Met with an accident on her way down from Edmonton, was repaired and laid up for the winter there (B.200/c/2).
 1880-1881 Major renovations at Prince Albert. Pumping engine quoted for by Hammersmith Iron Works (D.19/7, fos. 52-54).
 1882 Could not run because of new channel cut by river in 1881 (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").
 1883 An attempt made to transfer her to South Saskatchewan. Left Prince Albert for Medicine Hat in July. Left Medicine Hat 29 August. Hit rock near Drowning Ford and sank in 3 feet of water. Boat written off (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").

MASTERS:

1878-1879 John A. Littlebury, 1st Engineer B.235/k/1, fo. 49
 1879-1882 John M. Smith B.235/k/1, fo. 62, 75, 87

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:

D.19/7, fo. 54 (photo of pumping engine)

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D.20/8 fos. 38-48 Detailed Report on Trial Trip, J.S. McTavish to J.A. Grahame 17 October 1877
 B.27/z/2 Miscellaneous Items, Account ca. 1881
 F.41/2 Shipping papers
 F.40/5 Fuel Receipts 1883
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