

**UNIT NUMBER:**

**COLVILE**  
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**AREA OF SERVICE: LAKE WINNIPEG (1875-1882)**  
(Red River District)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Screw steamer.

Construction: Square-sterned, carvel, double wooden framework, oak, 3 inch planking on both sides of framework.  
Designer and builder: Built by John Reeves at Grand Forks in 1875 for the Hudson's Bay Company (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").  
Dimensions: 110 feet.  
Draft:  
Number of passengers: Number of crew:  
Plans: 1880 - Sketch of cabin work required (D.20/15, fo. 95-96).  
Power: Two non-condensing side-valve engines made April 1872 by C. Dumont, Cincinnati, Ohio (machinery of *Chief Commissioner* transferred to *Colvile* by Edmund R. Abell) (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").  
Registered:  
Speed:  
Tonnage: Gross - 164.41 tons; registered - 143.21 tons.



**HISTORY:**

1875 Built at Grand Forks, launched for service (D.13/1, fo. 206).  
1875, 28 July Reached Lower Fort Garry (D.13/1, fo. 238).  
1875, September Launched as freighter on Lake Winnipeg (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").  
1882, 9 March Sold to Northwest Navigation Company (F.36/1, p. 65).  
1887-1890 Mortgage to Wm. Robinson for \$3,000 (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").  
1894, 15 June Took fire in hold while docked at Grand Rapids (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").

**MASTERS:**

1876-1882 Gilbert Hackland B.235/k/1, fos. 26, 37, 49, 62, 75, 87

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Martha McCarthy, "Steamboats in Manitoba 1859-1896", Unpublished manuscript, Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Recreation, Historic Resources Branch, Winnipeg, 1986

**PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:**

Photo Collection 1987/363-C-29 and others  
note in *The Beaver*, Spring 1955, p. 55

**REFERENCES:**

B.235/z/4 Memorandum  
E.52/1 Ships' Log, 1875

**MICROFILM REELS:**