

UNIT NUMBER: J53

MACKENZIE RIVER
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AREA OF SERVICE: LOWER MACKENZIE RIVER (1908-1923)
[(Fort Smith to Aklavik)]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Stern-wheeler, built by J.W. Mills (see Photo Collection 1987/48).

Construction: Composite built (RG3/51/25, 1932).
Designer and builder: Designer: Chicago Marine Iron Works;
Builder: Hudson's Bay Company (RG3/51/25, 1932).
Dimensions: Length - 126'; breadth - 26' (RG3/51/25, 1932).
Draft:
Number of passengers: 50 (RG3/51/25, 1932). Number of crew:
Plans: 1906 (A.12/FT 341/[8], fo. 29).
Power: Fueled by cordwood (RG3/51/25, 1932).
Registered:
Speed:
Tonnage: 90 tons dwt;100 tons of cargo,push barge of 200 tons (RG3/51/25,1932).



HISTORY:

1908 Launched (A.12/FT 341/8).
1908-1923 Operated on the Lower River (Fort Smith to Aklavik) (RG3/51/25, 1932).
1923 Laid up and overhauled for use as back-up to *Distributor* (RG3/51/25, 1932).
1929, 1930 In service (RG2/7/163, file 5-3-9(1)).
1938 Commissioned for service on Lake Athabasca (RG2/1, #8991(c)).
1942-1945 Involved in Canol Project, transporting supplies for U.S. Army to Norman Wells (RG2/7/200, 201).
1947 Stopped operating when Company got out of the common carrier business (RG2/1/31, #2701).
post-1947 In use as a bunkhouse for commercial fishermen in Yellowknife Bay (*The Beaver*, Summer 1955, p. 2).

MASTERS:

1912 - George Ball Naylor E.92/1

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

The Beaver, August-September 1921, p.13; December 1922, p.102; February 1923, pp. 182, 220; Summer 1984, pp. 34-41

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:

The Beaver, Summer 1955, p. 2
1987/363-Mc-28 and others (38+ photographs)

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E.92/1 Diary of George Ball Naylor, 1912
RG2/7/163, file 5-3-9(1) Fur Trade Department-Mackenzie River Transport Memorandum,
Fur Trade Commissioner to General Manager, 12 November 1932
RG3/5/9 Ship's Logs, 1919, 1921, 1922
RG3/5/25 Ship's Dossier
RG3/9/13 Miscellaneous Documents, 1913
RG3/51/25 Ship's Dossiers

MICROFILM REELS:

Filename: Mackenzie River (Rev. March 1988/JHB:wg) (Rev. April/98 AM:kgm) (Rev. Aug./98 JHB:kgm) ;
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