

**UNIT NUMBER:**

**CITY OF WINNIPEG** (1881)  
*MINNESOTA* (1874-1880)

**AREA OF SERVICE:** ASSINIBOINE RIVER (1881)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Double-decked carvel sternwheeler.

Construction:           Wooden frame.  
Designer and builder:   John S. Irish, James Douglas Moorhead, winter 1874-1875.  
Dimensions:            Length - 128'; width - 31'; depth - 3' (after 1881: 190'; hull - 170'; hold 18" deeper; draught 8" less).  
Draft:  
Number of passengers:  
Number of crew:  
Plans:  
Power:                    Two horizontal non-condensing engines made at North Star Ironworks, Minneapolis, 1875 (29.15 h.p.).  
Registered:  
Speed:  
Tonnage:                 Gross - 187.98 tons; registered - 181.43 tons.



**HISTORY:**

1874-1875           Built for Merchants International Line (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").  
1875, 19 October   Sold at Sheriff's auction for \$2,000 (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").  
1877                 Lord and Lady Dufferin travelled to Lower Fort Garry (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").  
1880-1881           Acquired by the Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co., Winnipeg, modified and renamed *City of Winnipeg* (10 new staterooms, facilities for carrying 100 horses) (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").  
ca. 1881            Moved to Saskatchewan River in tow by *Princess* en route for Grand Rapids but broken by storms on Lake Winnipeg, drifted ashore about thirty miles from Grand Rapids (McCarthy, "Steamboats...").

**MASTERS:**

None identified.

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