"on Friday, May 10, '72, the first boat of the season (the Selkirk) arrived. The arrival of the first boat was then, as it is yet, looked upon as an event, because with it, generally, came a revival of business, and a happy deliverance from the monotony & the winter months. This season the firm of Hill, Griggs & Co. having amalgamated with the Kittson line, all the boats landed freight and passengers at Fort Garry, much to the annoyance of the merchants. We say all the boats, as the line now consisted of the kirk, International

and Dakota, the latter built during the winter."

From the book <u>Ten Years In Winnipeg</u> by Alexander Begg and Walter Nursey.