

LAKE MARINE NEWS.

SHIPMASTERS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

CAPT. McLEAN, OF THE JOHN M. NICOL, ELECTED PRESIDENT.

CAPT. WM. J. CROSBY THE DELEGATE TO THE GRAND LODGE.

Detroit lodge, No. 7, Shipmasters' association, held its annual election of officers at the headquarters, corner of Woodward and Jefferson avenues, yesterday afternoon, and selected Capt. William McLean, of the steamer John M. Nicol, as president.

Capt. Murray G. McIntosh was elected first vice-president; Capt. Wilson McGregor, second vice-president; Capt. W. J. Crosby, delegate to grand lodge; Capt. R. W. England, alternative to grand lodge; Capt. T. Lemay, treasurer; Capt. E. J. Burke, secretary; Capt.

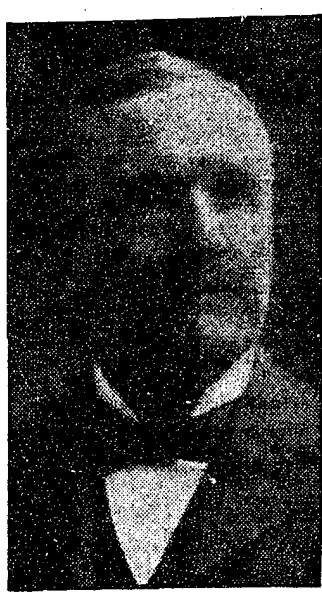


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CAPT. WILLIAM McLEAN,
Newly-Elected President Detroit Shipmasters' Association.

A. H. Shafer and Capt. A. J. Fox, trustees; Capt. Norman McGuire, marshal; Capt. L. P. Anderhoit, warden; Capt. R. W. England, chaplain, and Capt. E. P. Stevens, sentinel.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the next meeting, Tuesday, January 5. The other business transacted at yesterday's meeting was of a routine nature. Capt. Crosby, who served as president last year, declined to serve another term.

CLAIMS FOR LIBEL.

Many Filed Against the Gordon Campbell at Buffalo.

Buffalo, December 29.—The filing of a libel for wages against the steamer Gordon Campbell by Leslie Rapp and the subsequent sale of the boat by Howard Conkling, deputy United States marshal, to Frank Noble of Buffalo for \$4,775, were the first steps in a contest which promises to be closely fought. Employes and stevedores have filed claims against the former owner and against the proceeds of the sale and there are rumors of other actions. The stevedores allege that the steamer was bid in by the agent of the former owner.

John W. Gorey, of Chicago, chief engineer, filed a claim of \$111.05 in the United States district court yesterday against the proceeds of the sale. Henry Balaban of Chicago, second engineer, filed a claim of \$33.50. Patrick Devlin, fireman, claims \$37.75, while David Randall, fireman, demands \$64.98. The libellants are represented by Thayer, Tuttle & White of this city.

In addition to the claim for wages of men who worked on the boat on her last trip to Buffalo, Edward Schell and Theodore Markham and thirty-three other stevedores who unloaded 1,052 hemlock ties and 13,685 cedar ties from the Campbell have filed suit against the former owner, William F. Carroll of Chicago, for \$371.76.

After the claim of Leslie Rapp was filed Mr. Carroll ordered the boat to be sold and in their complaint the stevedores assert that it is their belief that the steamer was sold to some person representing Carroll. They say also that Mr. Carroll refused to pay them, telling them to file a libel against the proceeds of the sale. They doubt, however, that they have a right to libel the proceeds and are looking to the former owner.

A motion has been issued requiring all persons who have claims against the proceeds of the sale to file them on or before January 11 at the office of Clerk George P. Keating. It is probable that the trial of the action will be held before Mr. Keating as referee.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

The first regular meeting of Detroit Harbor No. 47, American Association of Masters & Pilots, will be held at headquarters, 29 Old Board of Trade building, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. All members have been requested to be present as important business will come up for consideration.

Aside from the annual nomination of officers for the ensuing year matters which are to come before the annual conference of delegates from all lake lodges to be held at Port Huron January 11 will come up. Delegates from the local harbor will be elected today or next Wednesday when officers nominated will be elected and installed.

The masters and pilots have not made known their plans for next season, but the work will be pretty well lined up before the delegates go to Port Huron. Regular weekly meetings have been held by the lake harbors during the past month and changes in the trade that the members would like to bring about have been pretty well discussed. It is understood that the masters and pilots have decided to classify the boats and will request that all members of their association that sail the same class of vessels get the same rate of wages.

COMPANY REORGANIZED.

Manistee, Mich., December 29.—(Special.)—The Manistee, Ludington & Milwaukee Transportation Co. has been reorganized under the name of Michigan Salt Transportation Co. at a meeting held here today. The old officers were selected as those of the new corporation, W. S. Eddy, of Saginaw, president; B. P. Barnes, of Manistee, secretary, and Gus Kitzinger, of Manistee, general manager.

The company operates the passenger boats Pere Marquette Two, Three and Four between Manistee, Ludington and Milwaukee. A large share of the stock in the company is held by members of the Michigan Salt association.