
SHIPMASTERS OF DETROIT.



CAPT. WILLIAM McLEAN.

Capt. William McLean, president of Detroit lodge No. 7, Shipmasters' association was born on Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and came to the great lakes district when he was four years old. His first sailing was as cook on the old wind-jamming schooner Mountaineer. Capt. McLean says she was about as big as a minute. At that time he was 13 years old.

After that he sailed before the mast on many schooners. His first command was the schooner Jennie Rumball, and he afterwards sailed the Heather Belle, M. C. Cameron and in 1880 went as mate on the Ward line steamer Northerner.

Capt. McLean has been master of the steamers Hodge, Fisk, Stevens and Ward, and for the past nine years has been master of the Union Transit liner John M. Nicol. He has lived in Detroit for twelve years.