

**Beeson's Marine Directory of the North-western lakes** for 1903, its fifteenth issue, is now printed by the publisher, H. C. Beeson, Chicago, Ill., which enables a closer attention to be given to details of the publication, and to the inclusion of additional information and illustrations. In the main departments of the directory the information given of vessels trading on the Great Lakes is complete, while the Canadian list is up to date. The record of engines and boilers adds materially to the value of the directory. A valuable addition this year is an inset giving tables of the distances between ports on the Great Lakes, so arranged that the distance from any port to any other port may be readily calculated. Included in the directory are a number of articles of interest to marine men, and an epitome of the decisions in a number of important cases in the Admiralty courts. The price of the directory is \$5.00.

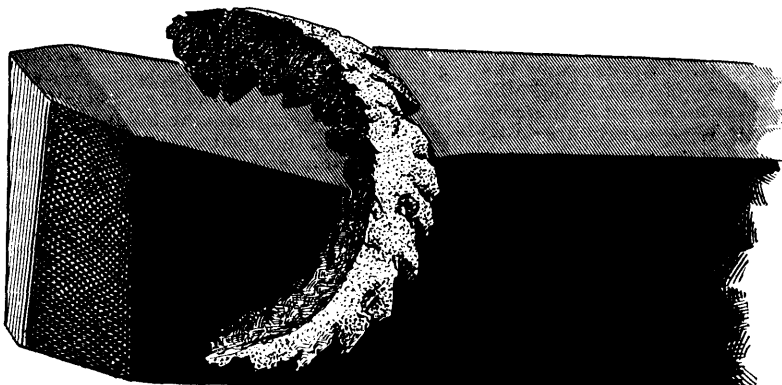
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Co. He was one of the promoters of the Canada Pacific Express Co. in 1880; of the Donnelly Salvage and Wrecking Co., Kingston, Ont.; and was General Superintendent of the Kingston and Pembroke Ry., from 1876 to 1895, and General Manager of the

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