

Granite for Columbus Monument Arrives on Canal; Pietrafesa Heads Inspection Group at Terminal



Members of the Columbus Monument Association on board barge which had just arrived in Brewerton with material. First row, left to right, Joseph J. Pietrafesa, chairman of the building committee; Anthony Iacqua, Anthony G. Dettor, president of the association; Anthony Sposato, Corrado Armiert, Italian consul; James H. Lanzetta, Zeff Pieri. Second row, left to right, Nicholas Pirro, Pasquale Bennett, Victor Ciciarelli, John Falcone, Joseph Colasudo, Nicholas Casale.

Early Announcement on Building Plans Now Expected

In shipment more than a month, the selected granite from Italy for the monument to be erected by the Columbus Monument Association of

Syracuse was received at the Barge Canal Terminal here today, in the presence of a committee representing the organization.

Joseph J. Pietrafesa, chairman of the building committee; Anthony G. Dettor, president of the association, and Capt. Pasquale Bennett, who handled the details of the Barge Canal shipment from New York, headed the inspection party.

The granite, in colors chosen to blend with the coloring and weathering of buildings about St. Marys Circle, was shipped in more than 50 cases, containing 153 tons of material for the base and pedestal. The stone was cut to specifications. The bronze figure of Columbus is being cast in Italy.

Snow held up the arrival of the shipment here. The trip of the two

barges carrying the material began a week ago Thursday. The Italian government cooperated in obtaining minimum rates for ocean shipment and the State provided margs and towage here, to aid in getting the stone on the job to give employment. Arrangements went ahead for unloading the cargo today and early announcement is expected concerning building plans.