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THE NEW POET LAUREATE.

The appointment of Dr. Robert Bridges to the position which was once graced by Tennyson has been a matter for much comment in Great Britain. When such well known authors as Kipling, Hardy and Noyes were in the running it was a great surprise that Dr. Bridges, who was, so to speak, a dark horse, carried off the prize.

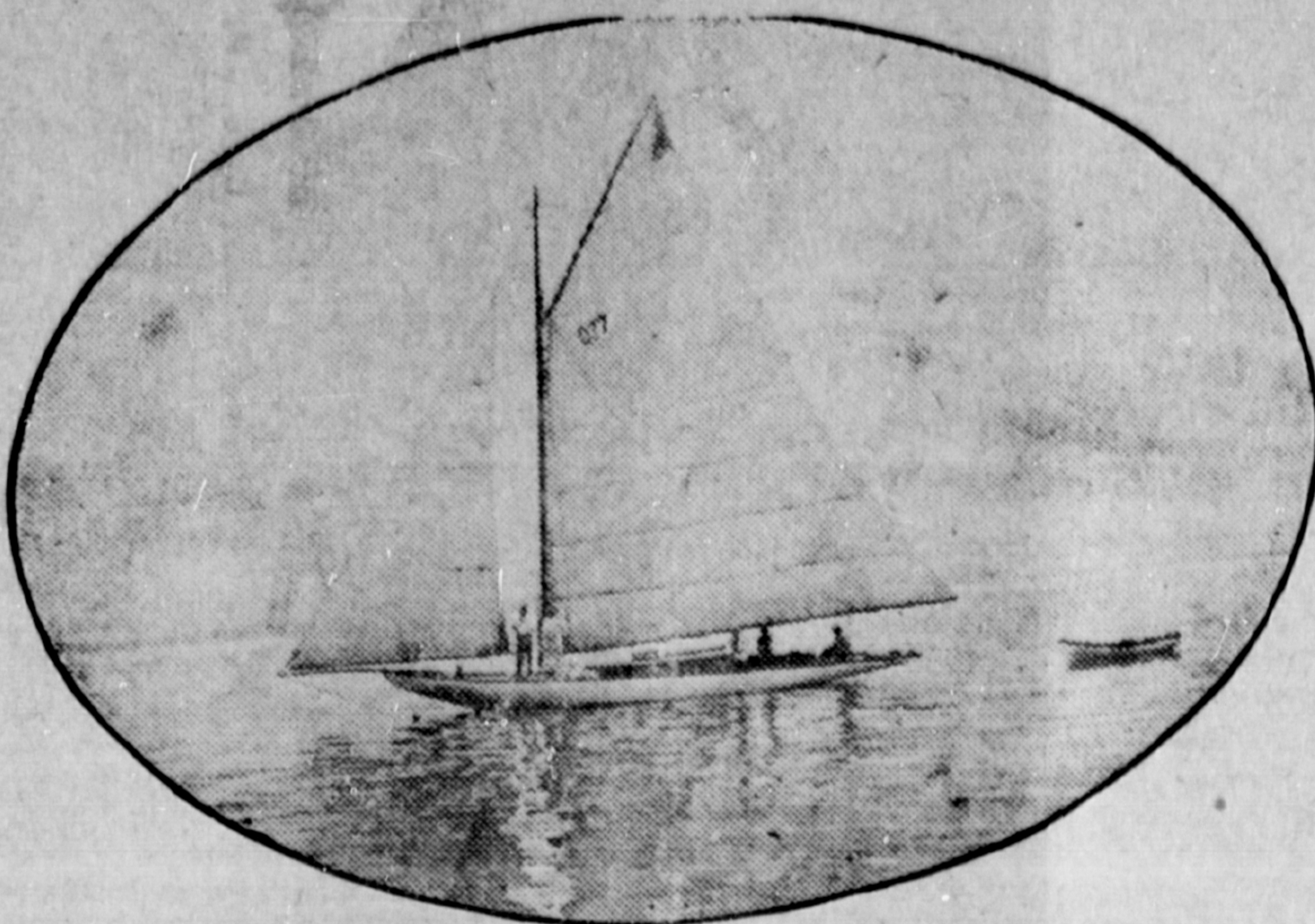
Dr. Bridges is a poet who is better known for the quality than the quantity of his verse. He is named by Arthur Symonds, the English literary critic, as "artistically the most faultless of living poets." But while his lyrical excellence is generally admitted, it is not allowed by all to be a sufficient reason to justify his appointment.

Clement Shorter, writing in the London Sphere, concedes to Dr. Bridges a place in the first rank of living lyric poets, and says that his only rival in this branch of art is W. B. Yeats. Mr. Shorter does not, however, altogether approve the choice. He writes:

"If the office of laureate is to be confined to a man— which, for reasons I have stated already, I know that it must, whether I agree with the idea or not—there cannot be a question but that Dr. Bridges has done the most perfect lyrical work among them, and I shall at least have the satisfaction that the first editions of all his books (which are in my possession) will be greatly enhanced in value by the appointment."

"But the post of poet laureate, now shorn of its trappings of office, its need for odes on state occasions and the like, which Dr. Bridges is no more likely to write than Mr. Yeats, should obviously be given to our greatest man of letters, to the man who is not only a fine poet and prose writer but also a great figure in English literature, which it cannot be pretended that Dr. Bridges is."

Mr. Shorter would have the selection of some such distinguished man of letters as Thomas Hardy for the laureateship, and probably he is right. Dr. Bridges is an improvement on Austin, but he is hardly a big enough man for the post.



RACING SLOOP VERONA'S RACE WITH DEATH.

This famous sloop now lies at the bottom of Lake Ontario, it having been rammed by a huge floating log ten miles out in the lake. It made a race with death for the shore, with five men and two women on board, all bailing for their lives. They were rescued by a life saving crew eventually. The Verona was a championship winner last year. She is owned by Skipper Jacks, of the Toronto Yacht Club.

FREDDIE WELSH AND WILLIE RITCHIE READY FOR THE FRAY

WELSH WILLING TO CONCEDE ALMOST ANYTHING, SO CERTAIN IS HE OF WINNING—AT BRIGHOUSE ON SEPTEMBER FIRST.

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Willie Ritchie will return from his hunting trip in the Monterey hills Thursday and will leave for the north on Sunday to prepare for his September 1 fight in Vancouver with Freddie Welsh. Henry Hickey, the Oakland featherweight, and perhaps Frankie Edwards will accompany the champion. No hitch in the matter of weight and referee is expected. Eddie Graney is satisfactory to both men and he undoubtedly will be selected to referee.

Harry Foley, Ritchie's trainer, who left for Vancouver yesterday, refused to commit himself on the weight question, declaring he could tell better what his demands will be when he gets on

the ground and has a chance of sizing Welsh up.

"It's a part of the game, you know," he said. "If Welsh looks heavy we will make him do a light weight, and if he looks light we'll come in for a heavy weight. I expect no trouble, however. Welsh apparently is ready to concede almost anything, as he is convinced that he can beat Ritchie at any weight."

Ritchie has been heard from but once since he started on his hunting trip. As he made no mention of deer, the presumption is that he has killed none. He and his party are camping out in the woods outside of the line of communication. In his one message to Foley, Willie said that he was having a great time.

WHARF AT STEWART WILL BE REPAIRED

The Wharf Proper Not to Be Enlarged but Freight Shed to Be Repainted.

A sum running between fifteen hundred and two thousand dollars is to be spent immediately on repairs and repainting at the government wharf. Resident Engineer G. B. Hull, of the public works department, spent a week in Stewart making a careful survey of the wharf and approach, and previous to his departure for Prince Rupert informed The Miner that the improvements would be undertaken at once. The work will be done under the foremanship of Frank Ryan and a dozen men will be required for the job. Some weeks since the department sent up D. Kean to make temporary repairs where the piling and supports had sunk in, pending instructions from Ottawa as to the amount set aside for the permanent improvements. The wharf proper will not be enlarged, but the freight shed will be painted.

While in the district Mr. Hull visited up the Salmon river and took in the Indian mine. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the wonderful showing of galena now being opened up and considers that the Indian has all the "earmarks" of a big producer of silver-lead ore. — Portland Canal Miner.

ROAD EMPLOYEES ARE PAID OFF IN CASH

Government Agent McMullin Relieves the Cash Stringency at the Northern Seaport.

The local money stringency—the need for actual currency to transact business—has been largely overcome by the prompt action of Government Agent J. H. McMullin bringing to Stewart the sum of two thousand dollars to take up cheques issued to employees of the road superintendent's department. This was a step in the right direction and met with the instant approval of both the men and merchants generally. The Miner has always contended that with the withdrawal of local banking facilities that some means should be undertaken to have a certain amount of money held here for the purpose of cashing the pay cheques of those employed by the department. This has now been arranged and the shortage of actual money overcome. During the absence of Road Superintendent C. J. Gillingham pay cheques are being signed by Mining Recorder John Conway.—Portland Canal Miner.

If telegraphic messages can be sent around the world, what is impossible? — Charles Austin Bates.

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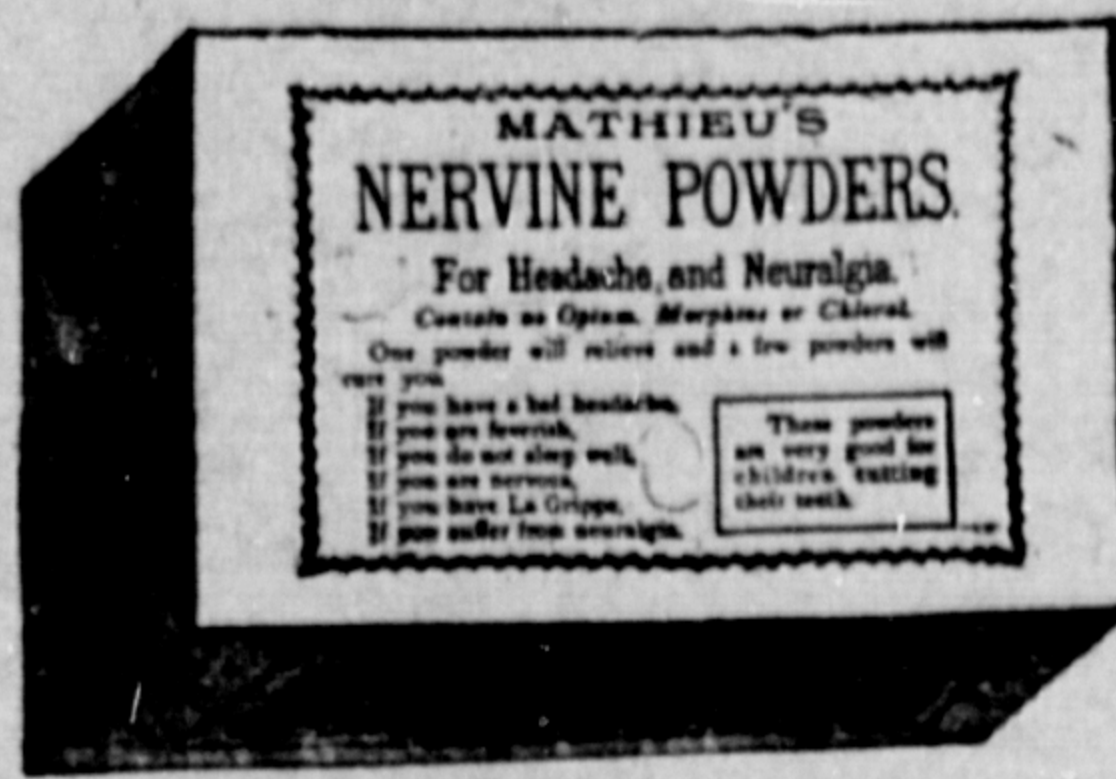
VERY YOUNG COUPLE

Bride Is Sixteen and Bridegroom Seventeen.

Telkwa, Aug. 2.—Patsy Jones, son of H. P. Jones, Glentanna, was married last week in Victoria to a young lady of that city, and they are due to arrive at Moricetown this evening. The father left Telkwa this morning to meet the youthful couple. Particulars of the wedding have not been learned as yet, but the ages of the couple, which are said to be 17 and 16, respectively, makes of it an event out of the ordinary.—Telkwa Tribune.

Last week the spot was rubbed off the sun.

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