

ing the privileges of the senate and house of commons and the members thereof.

12. That the second chamber or legislative council shall be abolished by proclamation of Her Majesty upon the passage of an address sanctioned by two-thirds of the representatives in the house of assembly.

13. That crown lands shall belong to the province in which they are situated.

14. That in the absence of a federal bankruptcy law, each provincial legislature shall have the power to enact laws affecting insolvent debtors and the distribution of their assets.

15. That the power of dealing with all matters relating to the execution of provincial laws should belong to the lieutenant-governor-in-council of each province.

16. That the boundaries between Ontario and Manitoba and the northern boundaries of Ontario and Quebec should be established beyond dispute.

17. That the amounts appropriated by the federal parliament for the support of governments in the several provinces shall be on a sliding scale, according to population, and not fixed as heretofore; and that the federal subsidy should be based as now, at 80 cents per head, but that no limit of population should be placed upon it until the population of a province had reached 2,500,000, when the amount per capita should be reduced to 60 cents per head for all in excess of this limit.

18. That the several provincial legislatures should take measures to procure Imperial legislation in accordance with the foregoing resolutions.

19. That no action shall lie against any Judge, Stipendiary, Police Magistrate, or officer, for any act done under the supposed authority of a statutory provision which may afterwards be held to have been beyond the legislative jurisdiction of parliament, or the legislature which enacted the same.

20. That it is desirable that the laws of the several provinces for the enforcement of debts should be assimilated as far as may be consistent with the different legal systems prevailing in the respective provinces.

21. That the conference approves of there being legislative provision in the several provinces of the Dominion for rendering effectual in all the provinces (subject to proper conditions) probate and letters of administration granted in any one of them.

22. That this conference approves of a similar law being passed in all the provinces (subject to proper conditions) with respect to probates and letters of administration granted in the United Kingdom, to go into effect when probates and letters of administration granted to the Dominion are by Imperial legislation made effectual in the United Kingdom.

MUSICAL ECHOES.

In no country have such admirable children's songs been composed as in Germany, and one of the best volumes I ever saw, was a series of "Kinder-Melodien," by Frau Kinkel, the wife of the German poet Kinkel, and an excellent musician herself, who composed these songs for her own children. There are, however, many other series to be met with, accompanied by gradual vocal exercises. In introducing young children to the practice of singing, the sense of hearing is developed in such a manner, that it will create a horror against coarse screaming, ribald language, and incline the ear to love harmonious sounds. The proper use of the voice cannot be taught too early, as the wild abuse of that organ by children at play, not only ruins the delicate perception of the sense of hearing, but also the proper and harmonious employment of the voice itself.—*A. Freund.*

TERESINA TUA.—Teresina Tua, the famous Italian violiniste, will soon be among us, and we shall know whether we can agree to the European verdict as to her wonderful ability as an artiste. Teresina Tua is now in her twentieth year; until her eleventh year her father was her only teacher, and then she came under the tuition of the celebrated violin master Massart. Under him she gained both the second and first prize for violin-playing at the Conservatoire in Paris. Ever since she came before the public her career has been a dazzling one; her audiences have been enthusiastic and the severest critics have had but one opinion about the high place she occupies in the artistic world.—*American Musician.*

An English critic says, concerning Frederic Cowen's "Ruth," composed for the Worcester (England) festival: "Those who, upon a perusal of the vocal score, formed the opinion that 'Ruth' is likely to be considered one of the most important of its composer's festival works, will assuredly not be disappointed. Everybody knows that Mr. Cowen has the melodic gift, but in 'Ruth,' despite the fact that the music is permeated with strong devotional feeling, greater prominence than usual is given to the chorus, while the orchestra frequently plays a part of considerable independence. Some beautiful music is placed in the mouths of Ruth and her husband. Mr. Cowen, who is, of course, thoroughly acquainted with the service music of the synagogue, has utilized that knowledge with effect, and in the score of the harvest home at Boaz's threshing-floor has borrowed an ancient Hebrew melody intact."—*Musical Courier.*

PATTI'S FAN.—Patti has a fan on which are the autographs of all the sovereigns of Europe. Here follows a selection of some: The Czar, "Nothing is so soothing as your singing." The Emperor of Germany, "To the ever-singing nightingale." Queen Christina, "To the Spanish woman from a queen who is proud to have her as a subject." Queen Victoria, "If King Lear is right in saying that a sweet voice is a precious gift in a woman, you are the richest of women." The Emperor and Empress of Austria have

merely signed. Mr. Thiers, at the time he was President of the Republic, wrote, "Queen of song, I stretch forth my hand to thee."—*Paris Figaro.*

Josef Hofmann's father, who is director of the opera in Warsaw and professor in the local conservatory, has not been quoted as telling such astounding stories about the infancy of his son, but the boy's present doings are wonderful enough to justify his being set down as the possessor of most marvelous gifts. Though only ten years of age, he played Beethoven's first symphony at a concert of the Philharmonic Society in London, and in a long list of recitals astounded musicians, critics and public alike with his marvelous memory, technical ability and musical instincts. In Berlin he improvised a duet on a theme suggested by Maritz Moskowski, who played with him and did not hesitate to measure his mature powers with those of the little Pole. The experiment caused undisguised astonishment on the part of the conservative critics of the imperial city of Germany. What the future of the lad will be remains to be seen; but enough is apparent to justify all music-lovers in crying a warning to the boy's father not to tax his powers too greatly. We hope that it is true that he has promised Mr. Abbey to send the boy back to his home and play and study rooms after the American tour, which will begin in October.—*Musical Courier.*

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

Feeling that the manufacturers of the Maritime Provinces were deserving of special attention, we have determined to devote a column or more to their interests. If they will only co-operate with us and furnish us with weekly items of general interest in their business, we will insert them in our Industrial Notes column, which we hope will in time become a valuable epitome of the manufacturing outlook in these Provinces.

Messrs. Clayton & Sons, the well known manufacturing tailors, whose extensive premises on Jacob Street are so well patronized, employ 100 regular hands, besides a large number, (probably about 250,) on outside work. An expert cut 350 suits and 200 pairs of pants in half a day on the patent steam cutter, the only one of the newest pattern in Canada, and the only successful cutting machine made. The machine does the work of four cutters, and they have besides five men cutters continually employed. Besides their extensive wholesale trade they have one of the largest retail trades of any firm in their line in the Maritime Provinces. Their customers are found all over the Dominion, but the bulk of their manufactured goods is shipped to New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and the towns of Nova Scotia.

There has been of late years a great demand for a fishway that would open the streams of the country to the free and easy ascent of fish to the head waters and spawning grounds over mill dams, natural falls and all other obstructions. The Rogers' Patent Fishway, the invention of W. H. Rogers, Inspector of Fisheries for Nova Scotia, completely fulfills the purpose for which it is designed. A later invention is the Auxiliary Dam, the purpose of which is to adapt the fishway for successful use where the more common mode of construction is impracticable, as in the case of natural falls and great dams. Mr. Rogers has brought to bear on the invention an experience of twenty years in the Fishery Service of Canada, during which time he has made an exhaustive study of all the obstacles to be overcome in protecting, maintaining, and increasing the supply of river fishes, and as a result his fishway has been brought to a state of absolute perfection. Nearly one hundred have been erected under his personal supervision during the last six years in the Dominion, all of which have proved successful, and in the United States the fishway is recognized as the only successful invention, the State of Pennsylvania, after having spent over ten thousand dollars on other devices, having adopted it. Parties desiring fishways should communicate with the inventor, W. H. Rogers, Amherst, Nova Scotia.

The Maritime Saw & Lead Works of St. John find business much better this year than last, with increased sales, particularly in goods of their own manufacture, viz, saws, leads, &c. 31 men and 3 boys are employed, and the works have been running all the year without any loss of time, in fact, overtime in many cases has had to be made at night to fill orders. The outlook for next year's business is very good. A new boiler house has been erected at the works, and a large boiler put in at an expense of some \$3,500. This gives additional room and greater power.

Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., Manufacturers and Builders of Amherst, Nova Scotia, are doing a very extensive business, and for the past three months have been compelled to work over time in order to keep up to their orders. During the past season from 75 to 130 men have been employed by the firm in Amherst, and from 40 to 80 on outside contracts. The Ladies' College, Halifax, will be completed next week, and also two brick stores for A. Moffat, and one for J. S. Hickman at Amherst. The latter was built in just eight weeks from time of starting to dig cellar until Mr. Hickman moved in. The Boston Marine building at Yarmouth will be completed this month, and the Bank of Nova Scotia building at Amherst early next month. The latter is one of the finest buildings in the Province, and will be elegantly fitted inside with marble floors, cherry and walnut furniture, with brass and bronze fittings, plate glass, &c. They have also in course of construction in Halifax a cottage for Conductor W. Gunn. A station at Oxford, brickcased, and a number of portable stations for northern portions of the Intercolonial. They are also remodelling and adding largely to Mr. Leckie's, (the managing director) private residence at Spring Hill Collieries. Their output of bank, store, office, church and house-fittings and furnishing