

and I cannot imagine that these machines have been parted with by the authorities. In a recent case against the bucket shop keepers the defence fought hard to have the books of the business, which had been seized by the authorities, returned, alleging that, unless they were returned it would effectually stop them conducting their business. The Magistrate in that case absolutely refused to entertain the application, and the books and papers of the bucket shop keepers were kept in court for two or three weeks, and were only returned when the proceedings were dismissed. In this case, it appears that these lottery instruments have been returned to the defendants on an ex parte application, when the prosecution was not heard."

In order to show how widespread is the lottery and policy business in Montreal, these facts aid in arriving at an understanding.

#### A FEW LOTTERY AND POLICY STATISTICS.

Montreal has three lottery and four "policy" establishments.

Each year there are 2,504 policy drawings.

Each year there are at least a hundred and ten lottery drawings.

The people contribute to the lotteries annually some \$2,460,000.

Of this sum perhaps half is given back in prizes.

Six millions of policy tickets are sold every year to people who pay from ten cents to a dollar a piece for them.

And now a charter has been granted for still another lottery.

The methods pursued by the Royal Art Union have been fully described in the Star. There are a number of other places where similar drawings are conducted. Montreal's full list of lottery establishments, all doing business under federal and provincial charters, is as follows:

The Society of Arts of Canada at 1666 and 1668 Notre