

According to the ticket the Society has been incorporated by letters patent, December 24, 1894.

This establishment does a very large business. The prizes are slightly higher than at the other places, but the agents complain that they are not given such a high percentage as the other "policy-shops" give.

There is yet another "policy shop." This one is situated at 80 St. Lawrence street, just above Vitre street, and is known as the "Societe des Ecoles Gratuites des Enfants Pauvres," which lengthy title being translated means that the object of this institution is to provide free schools for poor children.

This place does a large business, and has a large class of patrons principally from among the labouring classes. The principal drawing takes place at half-past eight o'clock every evening, and is attended by a large gathering.

The price of the tickets range from five cents to one dollar, and the prices are about the same as the other places.

The Society occupies a large flat, and the room in which the drawing takes place is often taxed to its utmost capacity in order to accommodate those who attend. Unlike the other places of a like nature, this Society does not have a lottery attached, and the business is confined to a straight "policy game."

That there is quite an income to be had in the sale of the various lottery tickets is shown by the enterprise of a man who has opened a store on St. Catherine street, near St. Lawrence street, the sole object of which is the sale of the tickets for the various lotteries and "policy" games. Here can be obtained tickets for every game and every drawing, and the proprietor appears to be making a comfortable revenue from this source.

#### OPINIONS ON LOTTERIES.

Mr. J. Cradock Simpson spoke as follows: "The lottery evil as it exists in this city is demoralizing in the extreme. Under the pretence of fostering and encouraging the love