

entirely renewed inside and presents a neat, rich and beautiful appearance, and may be numbered among the most magnificent cathedrals of Canada.

Bishop Duhamel has always shown a special attention to the success of the charitable institutions of the diocese, which number he has increased by four, and which comprise now, four hospitals, three asylums for the orphans and aged people, two for fallen women and one foundling hospital. To enable these institutions to perform their good work, the Bishop has regulated, that each institution would be patronized by a few parishes and missions, *i.e.*, that the nuns to whose care these institutions are entrusted, would be allowed to take up in these missions yearly collections from house to house.

GODFREY P. BAKER,

OTTAWA.

GODFREY PHIPPS BAKER, postmaster of Ottawa, descended from the Bakers of Singhurst, Cranbrooke, England, and is the second son of George William Baker, by Ann, the eldest daughter of John Cole, once Mayor of Norwich. Was born at Shooter's Hill, Woolwich, England, in August, 1822. His father was a captain in the Royal Artillery, and having sold his commission, came in 1832 to Upper Canada, settling at Bytown, then a village in its infancy, and very unpromising at that. Two years later, Captain Baker was appointed postmaster, to fill a vacancy caused by the demise of Matthew Connell; and for some years the elder brother of our subject, Hugh Cossart Baker, had charge of the office, the present postmaster rendering such assistance as he could, being a lad just entering upon his teens.

Forty and fifty years ago, the present county of Carleton was in the Dalhousie District, and in 1842 Mr. Baker, though being then under age, was chosen district clerk, a position which he faithfully filled for four years, and at the same time that of slide-master of the old Buchanan slide, which eventually passed into the hands of the Bank of Upper Canada. In 1846, his brother removed to Toronto, and our subject took full charge of the Bytown post-office; and in 1857, on the resignation of his father, the son became his successor, and has held the office for twenty-three years. It is one of the best managed post-offices in the Dominion of Canada; and the growth of its business can best be understood by the statement of the fact that twenty-eight years ago Mr. Baker managed the office alone, and that now he has a staff of forty-one clerks. Ottawa, being the capital, a vast amount of "free matter" passes through this office, making a great deal of work without any showing in dollars and cents; yet the post-office returns show only two offices in the Dominion—those of Montreal and Toronto—that are ahead of Ottawa. Mr. Baker has been for a long time connected with the militia of Canada, and has held various