

Mr. Vickers—Do you know that the difficulties of 1857 have reduced importations?

Witness—I think they have.

Mr. Vickers—That the business of 1858 compared with 1859, would be very favorable to the business of 1859?

Witness—The prostration expired in 1858.

Mr. Garrett—Allow me to inquire in regard to the increase of the coffee trade in New Orleans. Has this increase not been owing to the settling of the new regions in Texas, etc., which are supplied from New Orleans. Has this not been the leading cause of that increase?

Witness—It has, so far as New Orleans is concerned.

Mr. Vickers—Have you any idea how much is taken for Texas, because this becomes a matter of figures?

Witness—I have not.

Mr. Vickers—Do you not know that cargoes of coffee go up the Mississippi River?

Witness—I know that nothing like so many go up as used to go. I sold within a month, I think, some 3,000 bags of coffee to a gentleman in St. Louis, and yet New Orleans has been increasing. It supplies regions that cannot be reached from any other market.

Mr. Garrett—One question, if you please, what is the relative position of the coffee trade of Philadelphia and Baltimore?

Witness—We have gained very largely on Philadelphia? There is a falling off in coffee in Philadelphia.

Mr. Vickers—I think that Philadelphia has never been regarded as a coffee market.

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Mr. Garrett—Are you connected with the Maryland Steam Sugar Refinery?

Witness—I am the President.

Mr. Garrett—About what is the extent per annum of the business of that Company?

Witness—Well, sir, the extent of the business, when we are at work, is about a million and a half pounds a month, but at times we don't work to the full extent of our capacity.

Mr. Garrett—What has been the influence of the policy of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company on your business, in connection with its rates of freight from Baltimore to the west, as compared with the rates from Philadelphia, and New York?

Witness—Since our articles of sugar and syrup were put in the fourth class, that policy has been favorable.

The Chairman—When was that?