

policy of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, has been liberal and satisfactory?

Witness—I think so.

Mr. Vickers—Do you know the fact that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has discriminated in favor of Baltimore?

Witness—I know this, that men have come here and bought goods of us, assigning as a reason that they could get them freighted here for less than from other cities.

Mr. Vickers—Do you know whether the Baltimorean gets freight carried for 379 miles at the same price that the Philadelphian or New Yorker gets it carried for?

Witness—I don't understand you.

Mr. Vickers—We mean by discrimination that 379 miles run for you shall be run as cheaply as for the Philadelphian or New Yorker?

Witness—We yet our freight to Cincinnati and St. Louis, for less than the Philadelphian or New Yorker.

Mr. Vickers—You mean absolutely, but do you know whether they get it relatively?

Mr. Garrett—Allow me to suggest to the gentleman, that these fourth class goods are shipped almost exclusively by water, and if the gentleman will ask what rate is paid by steam or canal from New York to Baltimore at this time, he will see whether the discrimination is not actually largely in favor of Baltimore, even under the aspect in which he desires to present it.

Mr. Vickers—Do you know whether you pay for 379 miles transportation nearly as much as the Philadelphian pays?

Witness—We get no Eastern stock. I know nothing about Eastern rates. Of Western freight I can tell you something.

Mr. Vickers—You don't know whether 379 miles run from here to the West are run as cheaply for the Philadelphian or New Yorker?

Witness—I do not think they discriminate against us in that respect. Merchants tell me they can ship goods cheaper from Baltimore than they can from New York, and they are a class that are not apt to make mistakes about matters of that sort. We have lived in Baltimore for some time, and are very well satisfied to live in it a while longer, if we can only get the three cent passenger railway bill through.

Mr. Vickers—Do you know whether the business of 1858 was affected by the crisis of 1857?

Witness—I do not think it was. Our business was fully as good as in 1857.

Mr. Vickers—I am speaking of 1858—between 1858 and 1859. Was the year 1858 a year of depression?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Vickers—And 1859 was a more prosperous year?