

pains taken to preserve the scraps. The following shows the number of hogsheads of scraps accumulating, and the amount derived from the sale of scraps during the last year:

The number of hogsheads of scraps amounted to three hundred and nine, and the proceeds thereof amounting to the sum of \$11,760 79. This is a serious loss to the tobacco grower, and there should be some legislation to remedy the evil and to protect the grower from imposition, and from loss of this character.

It should also be the duty of the Tobacco Inspectors to attend to the keeping of the Tobacco Warehouses in good repair, and should be required to report, in their quarterly report to the Comptroller of the Treasury, the condition of said warehouses; and your committee would further suggest that the laborers employed by the several Tobacco Inspectors in the city of Baltimore should receive as compensation \$1 25 per day, and that they be required to work ten hours per day, instead of eight hours per day as heretofore, the inspector to keep a regular account of the same, and the chief clerk to receive an additional salary to that which is now allowed by law.

The said inspectors should also be required to contract for and purchase the nails used in their respective warehouses, as the expenses for that article amounted during the past year to the sum of \$6,475 83. Your committee believing that if the inspectors were to furnish their own nails, it would be more economical, and cost a much less sum.

Your committee, also, would recommend a screw to be furnished for the new warehouse used by No. 3; also, iron safes for Warehouses Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

It appears from an examination that there is no law authorising the Comptroller to appropriate such sums of money as are necessary to keep said warehouses in proper repair, your committee would therefore suggest the propriety of an appropriation of \$3,000, or so much thereof as will be necessary to put and keep them in proper condition and repair.

In connection with the Tobacco Warehouses, your committee have examined the State wharf property, and in places have found it out of repair, and requiring immediate attention, and are also of the opinion that said property should, as it could be, rendered more profitable for revenue purposes. Your committee are also of opinion that a much larger revenue could be derived from this valuable wharf property, and believe that as now managed, individuals have the use and advantages of the same at a price merely nominal, and far below that which might be obtained.

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