

ed fully 33 per cent. over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, I would say fully 15 to 20 per cent.

Mr. Vickers—Do you ever have goods go by the Northern Central?

Witness—We make it a point to send them by the Baltimore and Ohio.

Mr. Vickers—The two roads take all the dry goods?

Witness—I suppose they do, West.

Mr. Garrett—You are now speaking of the aggregate increase in the dry goods business?

Mr. Vickers—I merely want to make the contrast with what is stated in your report.

Witness—I want you to understand, Mr. Vickers, that I do not refer to the retail and central dry goods trade of Baltimore. I refer to the dry goods on sale by the package, and goods on commission. I am now speaking of the package trade.

Mr. Vickers—Was the year of 1857 a year of great monetary difficulty?

Witness—It was.

Mr. Vickers—What was the condition of trade in 1858. Was there not a great stagnation of business?

Witness—All sound houses were in a condition to operate freely. Our imports and exports, I think, show something on that subject.

Mr. Vickers—Was there a great re-action in trade in the year 1859?

Witness—Not to my knowledge by any means, nor were the importation of 1859 less than 1858.

Mr. Vickers—In the year 1859 the importations did not come up to the year 1857?

Witness—I don't recollect the exact amount.

Mr. Vickers—The object of this question is to show, that any increase of business in 1859, was partly owing to the fact, that when you compare it with 1858, the reaction took place, of course causing an increase in 1859.

Witness—In 1859 we had a number of buyers that had not been here for a great many years.

The Chairman—Do you know whether the Baltimore and Ohio Company carried goods for the merchants in Baltimore at the same rates that they carried goods for merchants in New York, giving you the advantage of your geographical position in the city of Baltimore?

Witness—I can only speak of the shipments from Baltimore, so far as I am concerned.

The Chairman—Have you the advantages which the geographical position of Baltimore entitle you to?

Witness—I think we have.

The Chairman—We are to inquire whether the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad does discriminate, and whether Baltimore