

the whole question for many years past, I am also perfectly willing. The point is relevancy.

Witness—(To Mr. Vickers)—I do not remember saying the coffee trade was increased.

Mr. Vickers—Has it increased?

Witness—I am not able to go so far back. The imports of coffee were some thirty or thirty-five thousand bags more than they were the preceding year.

Mr. Vickers—I wanted to show that in 1843 Baltimore was nearly the best coffee market in the United States.

Witness—I won't undertake to go so far back as that?

Mr. Vickers—Now it is third. You speak of 16 cents difference between freight from different points—from Baltimore to St. Louis, and from New York to St. Louis.

Witness—Yes, it is so from the list of ours—that which I quote. The Baltimore and Ohio Company sent us this list in the latter part of November.

Mr. Vickers—Have they sent you any since that date?

Witness—No, sir.

Mr. Vickers—Do you know whether it is the practice of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and other companies, to set down coffee as a reserve article?

Witness—I do not, sir. It is the same as other leading articles in the grocery line.

Mr. Vickers—Do you know whether coffee has been taken from New York or Philadelphia at the same rate as to Baltimore?

Witness—No, sir.

Mr. Vickers—Does the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad take freight from Philadelphia?

Witness—I do not know.

Mr. Garrett—Allow me to suggest, that the Philadelphia rates have been in evidence before the Committee. You have the matter fully in the testimony. I regret that the gentleman's memory is not better. That subject was fully discussed. Has he forgotten that the distance from Pittsburg to Philadelphia by the Pennsylvania road is 23 miles less than the distance from Wheeling to Baltimore, by the Baltimore and Ohio, and that the Pennsylvania Company charges the same rate that the Baltimore and Ohio charges for the greater distance?

Mr. Vickers—I have not been able to see the application of these remarks.

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Mr. Garrett—Will you please state the business in which you are engaged?

Witness—I am in the dry goods business.

Mr. Garrett—Are you aware of the relative charges for transportation to western cities, as made by the Baltimore and