

Ohio Railroad from Baltimore, and the charges on similar goods to the same points from New York?

Witness—I am. My knowledge concurs with that of the witnesses who have preceded me, in regard to the goods in which I deal, which are chiefly second class.

Mr. Garrett—What is the difference of discrimination in favor of Baltimore in your business?

Witness—About four or five dollars a ton.

Mr. Garrett—Do you regard that difference of discrimination in favor of Baltimore as beneficial to your trade?

Witness—It is decidedly beneficial to the merchants of the west, in making their purchases in Baltimore. A great many western merchants who have agents in New York, order these goods from this town.

Mr. Garrett—The cause of their giving Baltimore the preference being the discriminating policy of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Witness—It is. We have buyers who buy these goods from us and nothing else.

Mr. Garrett—You have been engaged in business in Boston.

Witness—I have, sir.

Mr. Garrett—At present you are engaged in the sale of eastern goods which are brought here coastwise, and for which there is a market in the west. The demand in Baltimore is induced, as you believe, by this difference of freight?

Witness—It is probably not the sole inducement, but many large sales are made of the coarser and heavier fabrics to parties on this account who purchase in Baltimore instead of other cities, where they could buy the same goods out of first hands.

Mr. Garrett—Have you been engaged in the management of railroads?

Witness—I have, sir. In the Boston, and Providence and Connecticut River Roads?

Mr. Garrett—Are you aware of the general policy of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in connection with its through and local freights?

Witness—Yes, sir.

Mr. Garrett—What is your judgment about the policy of the road? Does it discriminate inequitably against the local business?

Witness—I have no knowlege of any.

Mr. Garrett—Are you aware of its local charges as compared with the local charges of the roads with which you have been connected in Massachusetts?

Witness—The general prices, but not the particular items.

The Chairman—This sort of charges have nothing to do with the prices of Massachusetts railroads.