

with others of more power. During the last fiscal year of the Company ending 30th Sept. six new locomotives were purchased and large additions were made to our Car Stock. Since the Commencement of the present fiscal year one other new locomotive has been purchased and one is remaining in the shops of the Company.

Notwithstanding the addition to the Stock of the Company, it is a source of great satisfaction to be enabled to state that it is now employed to its full Capacity; a state of things due in a great degree to the opening of a new business to the line of road between this City and Harrisburg. Consequent upon the completion of that section of the Pennsylvania Rail Road lying between Pottsville and the Allegheny mountains. The completion of this road has presented to Baltimore the first through Communication she has ever had by rail road with the great thoroughfares of Western Trade and travel. With her railroads now forming a continuous chain as far down as Cincinnati and her western tributaries in that direction, and stretching, by the way of Cleveland, with the exception of the line between that City and Toledo, now made by Steamers, far away into the Northwest to Detroit and Chicago, with her rivers opening to us access to that great trade arising along many thousand miles of river coast which since the introduction of Steam, has naturally sought an outlet at New Orleans and served to constitute that City, for years produced the greatest exporting port in the world.

Baltimore before the introduction of Steam, participated to some extent in the benefits of a western Connection, even at that early day deemed of great importance and imparting a strong impulse to her growth. She was deprived of it by Steam, by Steam it is now restored to her again, and if this Connection even thirty years or more was esteemed of almost vital importance to her, how shall we now estimate it when these thirty years have raised many millions to the population of the West and hundreds of millions to its wealth. And shall we not consider this great City - great now - and what she is to be in a very few years under the tremendous impulse to be imparted by the many important Connections she is opening, North South and West it is scarcely safe to predict. Shall we not consider the great City as the heart of Our State with whose every pulsation vibrant health or disease through all its veins to the remotest extremity. As some slight indication of the great importance to the City of Baltimore as well as to the Company of the new trade opened to us through the Pennsyl-