

ing, when loaded, the largest vessels engaged in this trade; and as the bill also provides for railways from the wharf where the tobacco is to be delivered to the warehouse where it is to be inspected, and also for the means of carrying the article where it is to be shipped from the warehouses by railways directly to the vessel which is being loaded.

Your committee are also advised that great loss is incurred by the exposure of the tobacco on the wharves now used, before it is taken to the warehouses, estimated by some of the most intelligent planters and by the captains of boats engaged in this trade, at from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars annually. This loss would be entirely obviated by the bill submitted for your passage.

Again, your committee are advised that a great saving would flow from the increased rapidity with which this staple by the proposed improvement could be placed in the vessel for exportation. After the proposed improvements shall have been effected, a vessel could be loaded in one-third of the time now required, and this immense saving would go to the planter, as it is certain that the shipper now estimates in making his purchase all those costs, &c.

It is a law of trade that the largest market is always the best one for the seller, and by the proposed improvements, large quantities of tobacco, which now seek other markets, would be brought to Baltimore for sale and shipment.

Let Senators contemplate for a moment the course of this trade now being brought to Baltimore from other States. Tobacco is now brought to some extent from middle Pennsylvania, from Kentucky and Ohio by the Northern Central Road to Baltimore, which is then carried in drays from the depot of that company to the present warehouses, at a very large cost. After this proposed improvement is made, all the tobacco from those States will be taken by rail to the new warehouses without additional cost, &c., and when sold for shipment, will be placed in the vessel without charge. This great saving, your committee are advised, will greatly increase the quantity sent to Baltimore, and will tend to build up the commercial emporium of your State.

One of the provisions of this bill will commend itself to your favor. It is the provision for the tri-weekly sale, by auction; of all such tobacco as the owner, or his agent, may desire to offer for sale in this way, thus inaugurating a system which has commended itself so favorably at Louisville and elsewhere.

Your Committee are not advised that any portion of the citizens of this State will oppose this measure except the Agents of the Planters, and your Committee are confident that this opposition on their part is based upon the errone-