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REVIEW OF THE

BALTIMORE MARKET,

(AND INCIDENTS CONNECTED THEREWITH,)

For the Week ending last evening.

REMARKS.—The market in general since our last report has assumed quite an inactive character. The want of our usual supplies of Western Produce, and the absence of many leading articles in the Grocery and some other departments, have contributed to effect this quiet. The early interruption of canal navigation by floods, noticed at the time, will account in part for the deficiency of Western Produce, although a portion of it has since found its way to market via Cumberland and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road; but one great striking *novelty* of the season has been, that hitherto at corresponding periods, we have received large supplies of Wheat from the Susquehanna country by canal boats, until the severity of the weather closed the navigation; this season, however, large portions of Maryland and Virginia Wheat have been purchased in this market and shipped to that same section of country to supply the wants of the farmers, and others.

AMERICAN DRY GOODS.—The market for Cotton Fabrics is very inactive, in general. There have been recently some few packages disposed of for the South American markets, otherwise we should have been with scarcely a transaction to report.

BEESWAX.—We have no transactions to note. In the New York market sales of Southern have been made at 22 cts.

BREAD—Remains steady at quotations with a fair export demand.

CANDLES.—Sales of Sperm to a moderate extent have been made at 32*a*33 cts., and of Mould Tallow at 13*a*13½ cts. per lb., taken for export.

COFFEE.—The transactions of the week comprise about 5500 bags, all Rio, the extremes of which were 7*a*7¾, but the greater bulk of the sales were made at 7½ cts. per lb., 6 mos. A large portion has gone out of market. The import this week has been 4200 bags from Rio Janeiro.

COPPER—A parcel of about 3000 lbs. old, of good quality, has sold at 18 cts. per lb., cash.

COTTON.—The receipts at all Southern points from Sept. 1, to the latest dates have been as follow:

Crop of	1847	——	1846.		
Gulph, ... *bales*,	243,436	..	160,976	.. Inc.	82,460
Upl. and S. I.	55,354	..	155,430	.. Dec.	100,076
Total.. *bales*	298,790	.	316,406	. Dec.	17,616

In this market transactions have been limited, confined to about 220 bales Upland, 130 of which at 8½ cts. per lb., 6 mos.

FEATHERS.—The very small stock on hand, and the limited receipts coming forward, contribute to keep up prices, and most of the sales making have been at 36*a*39 cts. per lb., cash, according to quality.

FISH.—The market remains, so far as regards prices, in the same condition as noticed last week—for which, see quotations—but Mackerel are in less active request.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The Flour market was steadily stiffening, after our last week's report, induced from the falling off of receipts and the chilling temperature of the atmosphere. Buyers, however, have not operated beyond their immediate requirements. On Saturday, sales of Howard street were made at 5.87½*a*$6, closing at the latter. On Monday the market opened at $6, but only some one or two small lots sold, holders contending for $6.25, which price they obtained for over 1000 brls., in lots, during the day. On Wednesday it opened at the same price, but soon advanced to $6.37½, at which considerable sales were made, and which was the asking price on Thursday, although purchasers operated at $6.31¼, and 200 brls. were taken at $6.25. There were sellers at the latter yesterday, but we heard of no transactions at any price. City Mills kept pace pretty evenly with Howard street in regard to prices, but the stock was too limited for extensive operations; indeed the stock of all denominations of Flour, as well as that of Wheat, is quite light for the season, not exceeding, we think, as far as we can learn, the equivalent to 70,000 or 80,000 brls., and there is not much of a supply of Wheat in the country, to come forward this winter. No Rye Flour selling. The sales of Corn Meal have reached about 1500 brls. City manufactured, about 1000 taken early in the week at $3.25, and the residue in lots at close at $3.50 per brl., and 60 puncheons at $16.50 per pun. Inspected this week:

Corn Meal,	21 hhds,	1,295 brls.—	
Rye Flour,	93 brls.—		
Howard street Flour, ..	9,703 brls.,	155 hf. brls.	
City Mills	ditto, ...	6,709 "	20 "
Family	ditto, ...	434 "	— "
		16,846 brls.	575 hf. brls.

Forming a total for the week of 17,133½ brls. Wheat Flour. Exported within the same time to foreign ports, 14,690 brls. Flour, and 2,202 do. Corn Meal.

FRUIT.—Dried Apples and Peaches, of this year's growth, are in market, but are seldom enquired for—the former are held at $1, and the latter (unpeeled) at 1.50*a*$1.75 per bushel.

GRAIN.—There has been a corresponding advance in price as well as decline in the receipts, of Wheat, in consequence of which the demand has been good all the week, good to prime parcels of Maryland and Virginia red selling as soon as it arrived at 1.32*a*$1.35, closing on Thursday at 1.36*a*$1.38; yesterday, as the weather was rainy, it was offered at $1.37. There is no white suitable for Family Flour, coming forward, but it would command 1.40*a*$1.45 were it here. We have no sales of Rye to report. Corn (nearly altogether new) has been only in moderate supply, and prices have become firmer, sales having been made at 54*a*57 cts. for white and 63*a*67 for yellow. The generality of old yellow, which has recently been most in demand for shipping, was so fly-cut, that an order, however small, could not at times be filled, and our quotations above, for new, require the article to be dry and in good condition for going on ship-board to secure the prices named. At close yesterday 54*a*55 cts. was a fair quotation for new white, and 64*a*65 for new yellow. White Beans have been selling at 1.12½*a*$1.25, and Black-eyed Peas at 85*a*87½ cts. per bushel. Oats are worth 42*a*43 cts. for the best Virginia.

HEMP.—The market is without a stock, and therefore quiet.

HIDES.—We have no transactions to report; and the supply in first hands is very light. The receipts recently have been large at the Eastward, and prices have declined.

HOPS—Continue to sell at 8¾*a*9 cts. for first sort of this year's crop.

IRON—The obstructions by winter to some of the streams at the Eastward, together with the completion of previously existing orders, have some what restricted the demand in this market, and the receipts of Pig have become rather more free, but prices continue firm at our quotations.

LEAD.—We are without a transaction to report.

MOLASSES.—The market continues poorly supplied with good retailing qualities, and inferior descriptions are not in active demand. By auction on Tuesday, 42 hhds. Porto Rico sold at 26¾*a*27½, 19 do. Cuba at 23*a*23¼, and 40 brls. New Orleans at 31 cts. per gallon, all 4 mos.

NAILS—Continue in good demand for assorted at 4½ cts. per lb., for 4d. Cut.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits Turpentine has declined to 40*a*42 cts., with a fair moderate business doing. Other descriptions not active.

OILS.—We are without any report to make—most descriptions remain steady.

PLASTER PARIS—Has sold this week at 3.25*a*$3.37½ per ton.

PROVISIONS.—The old stocks of nearly every description are fast receding from market, and generally, from their character as closing sales, at rather declining prices. There is very little new in yet from the West, and not much City cured, but sufficient probably for the present limited demand.

Beef.—We have no transactions of moment to report: the market is quite dull, and our quotations are little more than nominal.

Pork.—There have been sales to the extent of about 250 brls., in lots, including Mess at 14*a*$14.50, and Prime at 10.50*a*$10.75 per brl., the latter on time adding interest. A lot of new Sides, in bulk, just in from the West, is in the market.

Bacon.—Sales have been made as wanted at 7 cts. for Shoulders and Sides; and to close, for the latter 6¾ cts. has been accepted for a considerable lot.

Lard.—There have been small sales of new Western in kegs, at 11½ cts., but at close 11 would have been accepted. Brls. are held at 10½ cts. per lb.

Butter—Is in fair request, with sales of Western mostly at 12½, and Glades by dairies at 14*a*16, chiefly 15 cts. per lb.

Cheese—Remains steady at 7¾*a*8 cts. for Western, and 8*a*10 for Eastern, for shipping qualities.

RICE—Has further given way, and we cannot now quote over 3.50*a*$3.75, or $4 per 100 lbs. for the best offering in market.

SALT.—There have been further sales of Turks Island at prices within our range, including a cargo of over 6000 bushels at 22½ cts. per bushel, 4 mos. A cargo of Liverpool, comprising 3199 sacks Fine and 1750 do. Common, sold on terms not reported, supposed also within our range of quotations. An invoice of 600 sacks Liverpool Fine (Ashton's) received coastwise, sold toward the close of last week, in lots, at $1.80 per sack, 6 mos.

SEEDS.—Good to prime Clover is in moderate request, and has been selling at 4.25*a*$4.50 per bushel, the former prices. Timothy and Flax rather quiet.

SPICES.—We have no transactions to note, the market remains rather inactive, but our quotations are in character with the last sales reported.

SPIRITS.—Foreign descriptions only in moderate request. N E. Rum cannot be quoted over 34 cts.; and Whiskey 28 in brls., and 27 cts. in hhds. per gallon.

SUGARS,—The market is very inactive and prices of all descriptions rule low, the private transactions corresponding very nearly with those by auction; at the latter, which took place on Tuesday, 110 hhds. Porto Rico (part common) sold at 4.75*a*$5.20, and 161 do. Cuba at 4.40*a*$4.90 per 100 lbs., 4 mos.

TALLOW.—This article has recently given way in all the Eastern markets, and with less demand prices have fallen off here.

TOBACCO.—The market continues much as for some time past—all the good lots, both of Maryland and Ohio, which are comparatively few in proportion to the inferior, taken as fast as sampled at full prices, while the ordinary qualities remain neglected. We quote as previously, for the saleable parcels, 3.50*a*$7.50 for Maryland, and 4*a*$10 for Ohio. The receipts of Maryland Ground Leaf are very light, and have been unusually so, since the season for its coming forward opened. The inspections for the week have been composed of 288 hhds. Maryland, 499 do. Ohio, and 14 do. Kentucky—total, 801 hhds. The Exports within the same time have been only 13 hhds.; and those of Maryland and Ohio denominations since Jan. 1, to date, as follow:

To Bremen, ...	*hhds.*	20,605
" Rotterdam, ...		8,468
" Havre, ...		4,018
" Antwerp, ...		1,680
" Amsterdam, ...		11,401
" Marseilles, ...		1,729
" Bordeaux, ...		1,377
" Emden, ...		235
" Venice		150
" England, ...		58

Stock on hand, and on shipboard not cleared 1st inst., 30,510 hhds.

WOOL.—The market is without a supply and the demand is also limited; and the indications are a downward tendency in prices.

FREIGHTS.—We have no new engagements for any part of Europe to note, all foreign shipments appear to be confined to South American and West India ports.

BEEE CATTLE.—There were 1450 head of Beeves in market on Monday, 910 of which were taken by butchers and packers, 490 driven Eastwardly, and 50 were left on drovers' hands. The demand was somewhat better than during the recent mild weather, and prices also slightly improved; the prices ranged from 2 to $3.25, gross, equivalent to 4*a*$6.25 per 100 lbs., net. Live Hogs have continued in good supply and sold at 5*a*$5.25; and Slaughtered, a few of which have been brought in from the country, sold in rather a retail way at 5.25*a*$5.50 per 100 lbs.

EXCHANGE.—Our quotations for Sterling remain the same as last week, 9*a*10½ per cent. prem. for 60 days' Bills; but the transactions, as well as in all descriptions of Foreign and Domestic, have been limited to small sums. We quote as follow:

Bills on London £sterl'g 60 days,	9*a*10½ per ct. prem.		
—— Paris	5f.20 *a* 5f.22½		
—— Hamburg	35¾*a* 36		
—— Bremen	78¾*a* 79		
—— Holland	40 *a* 40¼		
Sight Bills on Boston	paral per ct. prem.		
—— New York City ..	paral	do.	do.
—— Philadelphia	para ⅛	do.	do.
—— Richmond, Va.	¾*a*1	do.	dis.
—— Charleston, S. C. ..	1 *a*—	do.	do.
—— Mobile	½*a*1	do.	do.
—— New Orleans, ...	½*a*1	do.	do.
—— Louisville	1 *a*1½	do.	do.
—— St. Louis	1 *a*1½	do.	do.
—— Cincinnati	1 *a*1½	do.	do.
Treasury Notes, 6 per cents	—*a*1½	do.	prem.
Mexican Dollars	para ¾	do.	do.
Spanish do.	1 *a*—	do.	do.
American Gold	para—	do.	do.
Doubloons, Royal	....— —	*a* 16 —	
Do. Patriot	15 56	*a* 15 65	

THE MARKETS.

For abstracts of the Markets generally, see next page: the following presents the only new features during three days subsequent to those dates:—

At *Boston:* Flour was in good demand at $6.25 for Genesee, and 200 brls. Baltimore Howard street had sold at $6.37½, 4 mos.—Corn was selling readily at 71*a*72 cts. for white, 76*a*77 for mixed, and 81 for good yellow flat, cash.—Hides were dull, 50,000 having recently arrived from South America, and 1000 Montevideo had sold ai 10½ cts., 8 mos.—Manila Hemp was in better supply and was offered at 10 cts. No change in other articles.

At *New York*—Tuesday evening: *Flour and Meal*—The market was rather active in the morning, and the prices were firm. There was afterwards less inquiry, and the quotations became heavy. The transactions of the day were about 8,000 brls. at 6.18*a*$6.25 for common brands Western, 6.25*a*$6.31¼ for Genesee. Southern descriptions moderate at $6.50. Meal is in good demand, and has an upward tendency. The sales are about 1,000 brls. Western and Jersey at 3.37½*a*$3.50, and 500 do. Brandywine at $3.62½. Sales of 500 brls. Rye Flour at $4.62½ per brl. *Grain*—For Wheat there is a fair demand and the prices are steady. We note sales 5,200 bush. Chicago red at $1.20; 8,200 do. Wisconsin and Ohio at 1.24*a*$1.25; and 1,200 do. good at $1.31½. Genesee was offered at $1.37½. Corn was in moderate demand and heavy. The sales are about 15,000 bush. at 73*a*74 for mixed, and 74*a*76 for yellow, closing at the lower prices, including round. A small lot inferior white was made at 70 cts. Rye in large demand and steady at 87½*a*90, the latter on time. Oats steady at 45 cts. Barley is dull, without much offering. Sales at 65*a*68 for inferior, and 78*a*80 for good. Sales 300 brls. white Beans at 1.25*a*$1.37½. Peas are 75 cts.*a*$1.12½ per bush. About 200 or 300 bags Black-eyed Peas sold at $2.50 per bag of 2 bushels. *Whiskey*—The market is quiet at 26*a*27 cts. for brls. *Provisions*—The market for Pork is very heavy, and it is difficult to give the correct quotations; market nominally perhaps $9.50 and $14.50, but no considerable sales could be made at these figures. Beef is very dull. *Fruit*—At auction to-day 1175 boxes Bunch Raisins sold at 1.70*a*$1.80; 600 halves at 92*a*100 cts.; 1,600 quarters at 55*a*60; and 400 half kegs Grapes at $1.25. The sale was a dull one. *Lead*—The market very quiet at $4.50, cash. *Naval Stores*—Spirits Turpentine unsettled with sales 400 or 500 brls. at 36*a*40 cts., mostly 36 cts. *Seeds*—Clover is dull at 7*a*7½ cts. *Wool*—The market seems to be rather languid at present, owing to the tightness of the money market in a great measure. There is but very little demand from manufacturers. *Groceries*—The Sugar market remains about the same with small sales to the trade, while at auction the offerings have been free, and sales effected to a larger extent. We note sales 30 hhds. Porto Rico at 5¼; 20 do. 5; 50 do. for export, 4¾; 90 do. Cuba, 4½*a*5; 30 do. 3; 500 bxs. Brown, 4½*a*6¾; 50 do. White 8 cts. At auction 140 Porto Rico sold at 4¾*a*6½, 30 days; 7 do. old New Orleans, 2¼, cash; 50 do. Cuba, 4¼*a*5¾; 170 boxes, part damaged, 4¼; 5¾ for sound. Molasses still recedes and difficult of sale for common, while choice new crop Orleans would meet a fair market. Prime Trinidad is now offered at 23 cts. without buyers. At auction sales 70 hhds. Porto Rico for 20 cts., 90 days. We understand the balance of new crop Orleans has been offered at 28 cts., and that there are sellers to arrive under this figure. 20 hhds. superior Muscovado have been sold at 26 cts., 4 mos. In Coffee the transactions are moderate and the prices without change.—*Tribune.*

At *New Orleans:* Cotton had sold at 6¾*a*7¼ cts. Sugar remained steady.—Flour not active, and price a fraction lower.—Corn was selling at 44 cts.—Provisions of all descriptions dull, and Lard down to 7 cts. Sterling 4*a*6 per cent. prem. and sight checks on New York ¼*a*¾ dis. Freights quiet.

BALTIMORE.—EXPORTS.

The following is the value of Exports from the port of Baltimore to foreign ports for the month of November, (ult.)

Domestics, ...	$489,270
Dutiable, ...	7,750
Total, ...	$497,020

Great loss of Lives.—The propeller Phœnix, a packet boat on lake Michigan, was consumed by fire on Sunday 21st ult., and 240 persons perished.

The Erie Canal continues open, notwithstanding some of the papers have had it closed. Account from Buffalo of 1st inst. say—The canal, notwithstanding the severe cold weather, remains navigable, but shipments of produce ars very light, and chiefly made for short distances. The appearance indicates another fall of snow or rain. Should a warm spell intervene it may be some days before the complete stoppage of navigation. The harbor keeps open, and the arrivals are fair for the season.

COMMERCIAL INTERCOURSE WITH PORTO RICO.

We have been favored by a commercial house with a list of various charges to which foreign vessels are subjected on their arrival at and departure from the principal ports in the Island of Porto Rico—from which we extract the following for the use of our readers who may not previously have been in possession of the information:

PORT CHARGES ON FOREIGN VESSELS IN PORTO RICO.

American vessels, $1 Macoquino per ton; British, French, Danish, Dutch and other nations, 68¾ cents per ton; Anchorage, $2; Ballast entry on a Sloop, Schooner, or Brig, $12; do. do. do. Bark or Ship, $8; Balanza duty on the above charges, 1 per cent. The one-fourth part of said charges payable in Spanish Gold, with premium, which is regulated to the value of the Doubloon. The above charges are made by all the Custom Houses in the Island.

Local Charges on Foreign Vessels at Ponce.—Harbor Master's fees, including Pilotage in and out, $24 50; Health visit, $4.50; if the vessel is in observation or quarantine, extra visits are made, (each) $4.50; Interpreter's fee, $8; American vessels pay Consul's fee for register, $4, Spanish Gold, $4.50; Stamp Paper, to enter and clear with Cargo, $8.75; Fort Pass, $1.50. Lighterage loading is 31¼ cents per hhd. or puncheon; do. discharging is by the load, and equal to 5-100 per barrel. Stone ballast taken from on board without charge; do. put on board at $1 per ton.

Local Charges on a Foreign Vessel in St. John's.—Harbor Master's fee, including Pilotage in and out, $25; for each time the vessel changes her position in port, $2; Health visit, $4.50; Interpreter's fee, $8; Light House dues 3-100 per ton on all vessels up to 150 tons, and over 150 tons 1-100 per ton for such excess. Blanks for Permit, 50 cts.; Custom House Clearance, without cargo, $1.25; do. do. do. with cargo, $9.25; Fort Pass, $2; Boat for Pilot, 25 cts.; Wharfage for first three days, $4; do. every succeeding day is $1 per day. American vessels pay Consul's fee, $4, Spanish Gold, $4.50; Port Regulations, 25 cts.

Local Charges on a Foreign Vessel in Mayaguez.—Harbor Master's fees, including Pilotage in and out, $25.50; for each time the vessel changes her position in port, $2; Health visit, $4.50; Interpreter's fee, $8; Fort Pass, $2.25; American Consul's fee for deposit of register, $4, Spanish Gold, $4.50; Custom House Clearance and Stamp Paper, $9.75; Light house dues 3-100 per ton on all vessels up to 150 tons, and over 150 tons 1-100 per ton for such excess. Lighterage per hhd. or pun. 25-100 from shore to the vessel. No charge for Lighterage, when Produce goes direct from the Estates to the vessel.

Note.—Sugar and Molasses pay $1 per hhd. or pun. from the Estates to the wharf, or to the vessel, which is charged in the Invoice.

Local Charges on a Foreign Vessel in Guayama.—Harbor Master's fees, including Pilotage in and out, $19.50; Health visit, $4.50; Interpreter's fee, $8; Fort Pass, $1.50; Custom House Clearance, $8.75; Lighterage 51-100 per hhd. or puncheon. American Consul's fee for deposit of Register, $4, Spanish Gold.

Note.—Coast Lighterage averages about $1 per hhd., but when Produce is bought near the Port no charge is made.

IMPORT DUTIES ON THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF TRADE AT PONCE, PORTO RICO.

Flour, Wheat, *brl.*	$5.59	Hams, Am. 100 *lbs.*	$2.75
" Rye, ...	1.21	Lard	3.81
Corn Meal, .. *pun.*	..4.84	Butter	3.81
" " .... *brl.*	..1.21	Cheese—Amer.	3.06
Rice, ... 100 *lbs.*	..1.39	Candles—Sperm	7.72
Bread—Pilot or		" —Tallow ...	3.04
Navy	1.92	Whale Oil . *gall.*	7
Crackers of all		Soap .. .100 *lbs.*	.4.09
classes.	..2.31	Tobacco—Manuf'd ..	4.09
Potatoes ..... *brl.*	54	" —Leaf	3.28
Apples	..72	Lumber—Pitch	
Onions .... 100 *lbs.*	...63	Pine .... *M.*	4.80
Cod or Scale Fish	.88	" White Pine	4.80
Beef—Mess or		Shingles of all	
Prime ..... *brls.*	..1.92	classes	72
Pork—do. do	3.60	Staves	4.32
Mackerel	.96	Shooks .. .. *each*	18
Herrings—dry, salt-		Empty Casks	.37
ed, or pickled	.84	Wood Hoops	6.01

EXPORT DUTIES.

Sugar, per 100 lbs., 13 2-5 cents; Molasses, free; Coffee, per 100 lbs., 28½ cents. The one-fourth part of Import and Export duties is payable in Spanish Gold. The duty on some articles varies, in different parts of the Island, a trifle from per centages levied for local purposes. Sales of Provisions are usually made at 60 to 90 days credit. Lumber and Coopers' stock, 3 to 4 months credit, in crop, and 6 months out of crop.

WORTHY OF ATTENTION.

We have received a Circular from the officers of "THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS," from which we make the following extract—and wish success to, and will assist as far as consistently we can in carrying into effect, the enterprize.

An Association has been formed in this city, entitled "THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS;" the objects of which are the promotion and encouragement of Literature, Manufactures, the Mechanic and Useful Arts, including Agriculture, and its kindred pursuits—the Fine Arts.

These objects are to be carried out upon the following plan of operations:

I. By the establishment of Popular Lectures and the preparing and reading of such Papers and Reports as may be interesting and profitable.

II. By the formation of such Schools as may be desirable, and the publication of Books, Pamphlets, and Reports.

III. By the establishment of a General Museum, and formation of Cabinets of Models, Minerals, Natural History; Chemical and Anatomical Preparations, and a Library.

IV. By holding Exhibitions and Fairs.

V. By the examination of New Inventions and Discoveries, and reporting upon their merits.

VI. By awarding Premiums and Certificates to important and meritorious objects; and by any other means that may be deemed advisable.

The importance of such an Association to the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland must be apparent to every observing mind. With abundant resources, both of talent and skill, we are accustomed to the mortifying admission, that in our Literary Pursuits and encouragement of the Mechanic and Elegant Arts, we are far below the position we ought to occupy, and to which a proper use and application of our abilities would certainly entitle us. It is well known that in inventive genius and skill for its practical application, our Mechanics are not surpassed, neither in this nor any other country. But the disadvantages under which they labor are very great, and, for the want of proper incentives to action, they are, no doubt, frequently deterred from efforts, which, if put forth, might tend to the elevation of their character, and be of great service to mankind. And notwithstanding these disadvantages, they have made inventions and improvements which have been received with favor, and many of them have met with deserved applause. Multitudes are now in possession of the fruits of their exertions, and rejoicing in the increased conveniences and comforts they afford, who know nothing of, and, of course, are incapable of appreciating the difficulties and discouragemen's which have been encountered and overcome in their production.

It is proverbial that we are dependent upon the Northern States of our Union for our supply of Literature, both of a periodical and general character; and it is spoken to our discredit, that we seem to be indisposed to such efforts as would give us the distinguished reputation in Literature which we possess in Patriotism. While the Press of the North is teeming with Books and Periodicals of every sort, little or no encouragement is given to works of Southern issue. Our publishing facilities are unimportant, and afford no encouragement whatever to Southern authorship. And what is still more humiliating, the works of Southern writers and artists, instead of giving character to our section of country by being issued from the Southern press, are sent to the North for publication, thereby enhancing the literary reputation of the North, while our own is suffered to languish for the want of proper support.

It is for the purpose of effecting a desirable and necessary change in this condition of affairs, that the Maryland Association is formed. It is, in many of its features, similar to the American Institute of New York and to the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia,—Institutions which have been of great benefit to the States in which they are located. Under the fostering care of these Associations the Useful Arts have flourished, and in many of their departments discoveries and improvements have been made, which, but for the encouragements they offered and the emulation produced, might have remained unknown. That similar efforts may produce similar results in Maryland, cannot be doubted; and it is earnestly hoped that our citizens may embrace and improve the present favorable opportunity to accomplish the desired end.

The terms of membership are *three dollars* per annum or *twenty-five dollars* for life membership. The privileges of the members will be the advantages the Association may afford in attendance upon the Lectures and other literary pursuits,—the Museum when formed, and such preferences as may be proper at the Exhibitions and Fairs. They will, of course, be allowed a participation in all the business proceedings of the Association, in which each will be expected to perform his duty.

POSTAGE IN THE PROVINCES.

We mentioned, some weeks ago, that the British Government had consented that the Provinces in North America should arrange the postage as they might agree among themselves. For this purpose, delegates from Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have recently assembled in Montreal, and have agreed that a rate of threepence, Halifax currency, per half ounce, be the charge for letters sent a distance of not more than three hundred miles, and beyond that distance sixpence Sixpence Halifax money is equal to ten cents.—*Com. Adv.*

It appears by a statement in the Detroit Free Press that the Boston and Pittsburgh Company's mine at Lake Superior has yielded, this year, a revenue of $115,000. The expense of working the mine was about $50,000, leaving $65,000 for the yearly dividend. The mine produced 460 tons of native copper, averaging eighty per cent of pure metal. Smelting companies at Boston and Pittsburgh purchase the ore and smelt it at their own expense, paying the mining company at the rate of 16½ cents per lb. for the copper.

Louisiana Sugar Crop.—Nearly all our planters are now busily engaged in rolling. The quality of the Sugar is excellent, and the yield is good, but the weather of late has been too warm for granulation. Many planters have been delayed by sickness; fever and ague prevailing to an unusual extent, this season, among the negroes. It continues so late, that we fear they will be troubled with it throughout the winter. Vessels for the Northern ports are scarce and in demand.—*Franklin Banner, Nov.* 11.

HAVANA, Nov, 9, 1847.

The coming crop of Sugar promises well, although a little later than last year. Our stock, including Matanzas, is now but 70,000 bxs., and the total exports to this date for this port and Matanzas are 934,000 bxs. Prices rule about as last quoted, with rather an upward tendency. We quote assorted at 3.25*a*$4.25; White, 4.25*a*$5.25; Yellow, 3.25*a*$4.25; Brown, 3*a*$3.12½ per quintal. Molasses is very scarce at 2¾ r. the 5½ gallons. The market not overstocked with American Provisions. Three cargoes of Rice remain unsold at $7.50. Lard is down; $19 were the last sales: stock 7000 kegs. Flour is getting scarce; New Orleans common is $15.25. Other articles in fair demand.

Comparative table of Imports at this port from 1st January to 1st October, in 1846 and 1847, viz.

		1846.	1847.
Butter	*qtls.*	1,649	2,030
Cheese		339	2,799
Codfish		.34,325	39,313
Flour—from U. S.	*brls.*	3,350	39,475
Do. from Spain		95,427	82,758
Hams	*qtls.*	4,324	5,861
Lard		35,538	46,401
Oil, Sperm and Whale		6,158	5,443
Rice		55,213	97,890
Nails		6,042	9,120
Lumber	*ft.*	11,587	7,012
Hhds. Shooks		54,554	61,511
Sugar Boxes		258,965	478,345

1429 vessels entered, the tonnage of which is 291,972 tons, viz.

	Vessels.	Tons.
American	692	122,498
Spanish	393	72,847
British	166	55,478

IMPORTATIONS AT BALTIMORE.

FOREIGN.

Liverpool—Ship Powhatan.

Salt 880 sacks fine 3000 do common and 114 tons in bulk. A Brown & Sons; iron 628 bars 108 bdls, I Brooks; chain cables 4, W Graham & Son; soda ash 50 tres, T Wilson & Co; books 1 case, M'Ilvain & Williams; woollens 1 bale, T Mackenzie; hardware 6 csks, J Albert & Co; 1 do, anvils 24, Norris & Bro; glue 12 csks, J & J Williams & Co; mdze 22 cases 4 bales, J C Brown & Bro; bags 9 bales, hardware 11 csks 7 bdls, wine 60 csks, mdze 6 pkgs, order.

Liverpool—Ship Damascus.

Salt 1752 sacks Coarse 3199 do Fine, cables and anchors 6, W Wilson & Sons; copper 26 cases, mdze 122 crates 7 csks, anchors in parts 6, order; mdze 49 cases and boxes and 13 bales, M'Ilvain & Williams; 5 do, A Turnbull & Co; 9 csks 1 case 1 truss, T Mackenzie; 22 csks, W Graham & Son; 28 cases and bxs, J C Brown & Bro; 3 csks, Thomas & Co; 1 case 2 csks, R Plummer; 7 do 7 cases, J Albert; 1 csk, Penniman & Bro; 3 csks, Earnest & Cowles; 49 crates, C S Fowler; iron 638 bars 163 bdls, I Brooks; anvils 12, Duer & Norris; hardware 1 csk, Norris & Bro; 2 do, A Paine; 3 do, J W Curley; mdze 5 csks 4 crates, Levering & Clark; 4 csks, Ward Bros; 20 do 6 bales, E Jenkins & Son; 1 case, McDowell & Gable; 2 csks, Carpenter & Mestley; 2 do, Canfield, Bros & Co; 2 do, C H Armistead; 3 do 7 bags, Morlinger & Gorusch; 2 csks 2 cases, P B Sadtler & Sons; 4 do 3 csks, J Boury; 1 do 1 case, J Schultz; grinding stones, G Sted; mdze 3 csks, B R Voss; 4 do 1 case, Griffith & Fitzgerald; 1 do, Spilker & Alberti; 4 do 4 csks, S Cariss; 1 bale, F Fickey & Sons; 1 do 2 cases, Poland, Jenkins & Co; 1 csk 1 bale, J Trust; 3 trusses, J Falconer; 1 case, F W Brune & Sons; 1 do, Stellman & Rippelmeyer; 1 do 5 csks, Gillingham & Anderson; 17 do 1 case 2 bdls, Hopkins, Lake & Harden.

Bremen—Brm. bark Livonia.

Brown rolls 185 ps, H & F von Kapff; mdze 4 bxs 4 csks, F Konig & Co; 30 bxs, Spilker & Alberti; 3 do, W & H Spilcker; 4 do, J Kittel; 3 do, C Meinicke; 7 do, E Uhrlaub; 16 do, W Mallinckrodt; 5 pkgs, F Fickey & Sons; 1 csk, G & N Popplein, jr; 1 bx, S G Wyman; bottles 100 hmprs, G S Oldfield; 4 do, cigars 25000, order; pipes 515 bxs, linen 215 ps, mdze 18 bales, Hack & Klamburg.

Rio Janeiro—Brig Uncas.

Coffee 4118 bags, gum copal 3 csks, Birckhead & Pearce; coffee 32 bags, H M Warfield; 17 do, J Sterrett; 35, H Jenkins; 15, N Rogers & Co; 13 do, rosewood 48 logs, P E Brenan; coffee 4 bags, master and mate.

Santa Cruz, (Cuba)—Brig Chatsworth.

Mahogany 62 logs, cedar 6 do, fustic 39 tons, grandello 9½ do, white bees-wax 34 bales, turtle shell 1 bx, cigars 1618 do, honey 6 tres, palm leaf 500 bdls, mats 52, Cohen and Kalf; sugar 14 csks 34 brls 68 bxs, D Curtis, New York.

Ragged Island—Brig Kite.

Salt 6540 bushels, F T Montell.

Ragged Island—Sch. Mary Catharine.

Salt 2700 bushels, F T Montell.

Halifax, (N. S.)—Br. sch. Rambler.

Mackerel 700 brls, T R Matthews & Co.

COASTWISE.

Boston—Ship Sumatra.

Plaster 130 tons, master.

Boston—Bark Wyman.

Hemp 1 bales Manila, oakum 125 do, order; rum 50 brls, Withington & Eastman; mdze 500 pkgs, sundry persons; plaster 32 tons, master.

Boston—Brig D. K. Akin.

Cranberries 7 brls, hops 14 bales, plaster 50 tons, Weld & Seaver; mdze 4 bales, A Turnbull & Co; 280 pkgs do, mackerel 100 brls, cranberries 32 do, order.

New York—Brig Gen. Worth.

Champaigne 84 bskts, G S Oldfield jr. & Co; salt 2000 sacks, J F Pendergast; mdze 300 pkgs, J W Brown; apples 600 brls, rum 25 do, hops 5 bales, tea 75 hf chsts, mdze 50 brls, order.

New York—Brig Louisa Beaton.

Hay 200 bales, order.

New York—Brig Chief.

Hay 450 bales, order.

New York—Sch. Gen. Taylor.

Hay 100 bales, order.

New York—Sch. New Regulus.

Liquor 20 pkgs, G S Oldfield jr & Co; cigars 10 bdls, L Thomsen & Co; cassia 100 mats, green hides 100, mdze 201 pkgs, hay 100 bales, order; mdze 200 pkgs, Moale & Medcalfe.

New York—Sch. Amelia.

Mdze 70 pkgs, R Sinclair & Co; tea 5 hf chsts, indigo 2 serroons, J Taylor & Son; 5 do, starch 125 bxs, iron 30 tons, order; mdze 500 pkgs, Rose, Merrill & Co

New York—Sch. John E. Smith.

Herrings 84 brls, A L Fulford; brandy 2 qr pipes, wine 30 bskts, G S Oldfield & Co; cheese 60 bxs, S Hurlbut; wine 5 bskts, L Thomsen & Co; cheese 20 bxs, mdze 147 pkgs, sundry persons.

New York—Sch. Maria.

Mdze 35 bales, Gambrill, Carroll & Co; ale 4 hhds, T Walsh; hops 69 bales, spikes 120 kegs, hay 100 bales, mdze 392 pkgs, order.

New York—Sch. Roe.

Mdze 16 cases, Elder, Gelston & Co; tea 50 pkgs, liquor 25 brls, mdze 327 pkgs, order.

Philadelphia—Sch. Hero.

Dry hides 777, G W Krebs; tobacco 71 bxs seed leaf, J Heald & Co; domestics 50 pkgs, J W Brown; green hides 200, mackerel 200 brls, window glass 200 hf bxs, order.

Charleston—Brig Col. Howard.

Boards 136,000 ft, cotton 209 bales, R Hooper