

the Forest, or high-lands of the county generally, throw up a growth of cedar.

Poplar Neck forms one estate, the property of Major Hynson, the soil of which has a preponderance of clay, and is sour: it is well wooded, the timber consisting principally of black and white oaks, with an undergrowth of dogwood (*Cornus florida*), some cedars, a few pines, and a young growth of sweet gum.

Piney Neck, between Langford's Bay and Gray's Inn creek, has a stiff clay soil, which becomes lighter at the extremity of the neck bordering on Chester river. It has the reputation of having formerly produced good wheat crops, but is now much exhausted, requiring a free application of lime. Wherever this has been done, as on the farm of Mr. John S. Constable, the happiest results have been obtained. The neck is well wooded, the timber consisting of the several kinds of oak, chestnut, hickory, gum, pines, poplar, maple, &c.

Skinner's Neck, lying between two prongs of Gray's Inn creek, is principally covered with pines.

Eastern Neck lies between Gray's Inn creek and the Chesapeake bay. It extends, including the Island, which terminates it, about nine miles, on an average breadth of one and a half: its surface is gently undulating, with a soil of a light loamy character and slightly ferruginous, well adapted to the cultivation of corn, yielding abundantly of potatoes, and would doubtless be found quite congenial to the growth of the sugar beet. The Island portion of the neck, is principally occupied by marshes that afford tolerable pasturages. The timber consists of oaks (white, black, willow, and box, principally,) sweet gum, chestnut, and a few pines. The locust is found to grow rapidly, and some attention is now paid to encourage and increase its growth. The proximity of this neck to Baltimore, the facility and expedition with which its produce can be brought to a market, together with the natural fertility of its soil, would seem to render it peculiarly eligible for the location of market farms, and the plantation of orchards, for the supply in choice fruits of the city. The neck is reputed healthy.

The bay-side, from Swan Point to Howell's point, a distance of twenty miles, with an average breadth of three miles, presents a long and narrow zone of country upon which some of the most valuable estates in the county are located. The surface of the country is generally level, excepting near the bay-shore, or along the banks of the creeks. The soil is a stiff clay, very sour, and consequently greatly in want of amendment by the application of some alkaline matter, either lime, ashes, or the *greensand*. The timber cannot be said to be abundant, though there are some valuable tracts of woodland, consisting mainly of the several kinds of oaks, sweet gum, a few pines, dogwood, persimon, &c.

The southern portion of the county, lying on the Sassafrass, and forming rocks of inconsiderable extent, between the short creek that empty into this river, exhibit less uniformity in the character of