

of climate possessed by this county, vegetable life is from a week to ten days earlier in Annapolis and the southern parts of this county than it is immediately on the suburbs north of Baltimore.

The farms as a general thing are not large, varying from about three hundred to six or eight hundred acres; very few are as much as one thousand acres in extent, and many are below three hundred acres. The face of the country, water, streams, &c., readily admit of much smaller divisions being profitably made than at present exists.

The price of lands vary very much, depending on their improvements, locality and variety of soil.

The light, sandy soils can be purchased at from five to thirty dollars; the white oak soils from ten to sixty dollars, the red sandy soil from fifteen to seventy-five dollars, and the South and West river sands at from sixty to one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre; that is, where sales are desired to be made. Much of this land is not for sale, the descendants of the first settlers preferring to remain in their old homes, looking for better times on the return of government founded in that justice, equity, civil and religious toleration which distinguished the actions of their forefathers and well knowing that no other place can afford them equal advantages to the region now occupied by them. The tone of society is good, the people being kind, courteous and hospitable to each other and to strangers. Honest, industrious persons from any portion of the Union will meet with a reception fully equal to their merits, and will at once occupy a social position as high as they deserve.

#### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

This county, with Anne Arundel, constitutes the northern part of the western section of the tide water division of Maryland. It is bounded on the north by Montgomery county, on the south by Charles county, on the west by the Potomac river and the District of Columbia, and on the east by the Patuxent river, which separates it from Anne Arundel county. It has an average breadth of about twenty-two miles, and its length is about thirty miles, and it contains about three hundred and fifteen thousand acres. This county has four natural divisions as to soil and topographical peculiarities.

*First.* That lying on the Baltimore and Washington railroad, comprising the northern, or rather northwestern part of the county. This partakes of the general character of the lands already described as existing on the B. and W. Railroad, in Anne Arundel county, with more of a reddish clay loam, with some patches of loose, gravelly soil. As the