

Its facilities for transportation by railroad and canal and tide water are all that is needed. Through its northern part the P. W. and B. Railroad passes, giving quick and direct transit in a few hours to Philadelphia and the northern cities or to Baltimore. A few miles south of this the Chesapeake and Delaware Tide water canal passes through the county, giving all the advantages of this species of navigation. On its southern border is the Sassafras river, navigable for first class steamboats, and on its western border is the Chesapeake bay, from which three creeks or bays penetrate several miles inland, viz: Principio creek, North-east river, and Elk river; from this latter Bohemia river diverges and gives additional facilities for navigation. On the east border of the county, distant but a few miles, is the Delaware Railroad. On the bay and various arms of it that surround and penetrate this county, are large fisheries of shad and herring, whilst all the various fish, except oysters, with abundance of wild fowl, abundantly prevail—particularly the Ortolen and Canvass Back Duck.

Situate, as this county is, between the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia, with quick, cheap and varied communication with each in a few hours, it only remains for the excellence of its soil and the abundant and cheap means of its improvement to be known in order that it should be justly appreciated. As a knowledge of these have been more generally diffused, strangers from other States have come in, bought land, and enjoyed advantages before unknown to them. The county is rapidly improving, but the lands are still sold far below their value and vary in price from fifteen to one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre, and at either of these prices are very cheap.

The light clayey loams and ferruginous sandy soils in the lower part of the county and on the Sassafras are specially adapted to peach culture, and from their proximity to two great markets will amply repay any reasonable price that may be paid for them. These soils from their texture and color, are early soils, a very important advantage where the culture of fruits and vegetables is the chief object.

The county is well wooded and watered with constant streams of pure, soft water.

#### KENT COUNTY.

The second of the counties of the Eastern Shore, as we proceed south, is Kent county, bounded on the north by the Sassafras river, which separates it from Cecil county; on the east by Mason's and Dixon's Line, which separates it from Delaware; on the south by the Chester river, which separates it from Queen Anne county, and on the west by the Ches-