

ing influences of the past few years, have maintained the high agricultural character of the county.

Lands are here sold very cheap, and from their numerous advantages present excellent opportunities to all who may wish to cultivate the soil with profit and pleasure.

Live stock of the best varieties flourish well here and are cheaply raised; the waters which surround it furnish inexhaustable quantities of wild fowl, fish and oysters, not only for home consumption but for exportation. Its soil and climate is well adapted to fruits, which have become a prime article of cultivation, and found to be highly remunerative.

The advantages of transportation are fully equal to all the present wants of production. The Chester river and the Chesapeake Bay, which nearly surrounds it on two sides, and the Wye river its Southern boundary give all the advantages of the cheapest and readiest transportation to all the markets of the country. A Railroad branching from the Delaware Road is proposed to be run to Queenstown, on the Chesapeake, which when completed will leave nothing to be desired either for internal or foreign transportation.

The face of the country is gently rolling, with beautiful sites for building on the water courses or in the interior; the shores of the rivers are of clean, compact sand, the water bold and deep to the shore, but little drainage required, and that little easily accomplished. The county abounds in varied deposits of good shell marl, by the application of which its soil of late years has been very highly improved at very little expense.

All that is wanting to create a desire for the lands of this county is a proper knowledge of thier extensive natural advantages of every desription.

The price of land varies from its location, degree of improvement and convenience to navigable water, but much of every variety can be purchased at very cheap rates. It now sells at from ten to one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre. All sales of it hitherto made have been much below its intrinsic value.

To a late citizen of this county, distinguished alike for private virtues and public services, is due much of the progress made in the improvement of the soil by means of the application of shell marl and other native manures. Careful experiments proved the efficacy of the marl, and the results published in a style of finished scholarship aided by the weight of high public reputation, added greatly to the general use of this valuable fertilizer. The spirit of agricultural improvement has long prevailed in this county, and many of the chief measures for the advancement of the science and benefit of the practice of Agriculture has either emanated from, or received most effective aid from the present representative in