

the wants of the soil ; and whatever is wanting may be readily obtained from other localities by the abundant means of transportation which it enjoys.

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. .

Radiating from the city of Baltimore at the head of the Patapsco River, four Railroads either pass through this section or large parts of it. There are first, the Washington Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad which forms a part of its southern boundary between Baltimore and Washington. Second, the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Road, which completes its southern boundary from Baltimore to the Pennsylvania Line. Third, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad proper, which leaving Baltimore traverses the counties of Baltimore, Howard, Carroll, Frederick, part of Washington and Alleghany county. Fourth, the Northern Central Railroad, which passes through the centre of Baltimore county, connecting with numerous Roads north and west. Besides these there are other roads, viz: the Western Maryland Railroad branching from the Northern Central, a few miles distant from Baltimore, passing through Baltimore county, and Carroll county to Union Bridge, near the borders of Frederick county, to which place it is in constant operation. This Road is under contract to be completed within a short time through the county of Frederick to Hagerstown, in Washington county, and will open to great advantage a beautiful and fertile county, parts of which abound in mineral wealth.

Besides this, the Cumberland Valley Railroad connects Hagerstown with Harrisburg and the northern markets, and the Washington County Railroad is now under construction from a point near Weaverton, to connect the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad with Hagerstown ; and also one from the Point of Rocks direct to Washington, passing through the counties of Frederick and Montgomery,—giving to the latter facilities long and greatly needed.

On the northern border of this section is the Pennsylvania canal, along the banks of the Susquehanna, and on its whole southern line, side by side with the Potomac River, from the mountain to tide-water, is the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, capable under proper management, of conveying not only all the coal and other mineral products of the mountains, but all of the agricultural products of the region. This division of the State then is lavishly supplied with transportation to the great marts on tide-water, by means of Railroad and canal facilities.

Its internal communication is carried on with great convenience by numerous well-graded and well-paved Macadamized turnpikes.