

This portion of the county it is almost needless to say, is well wooded and is watered with springs of the purest, softest water. The price of its lands vary from ten to two hundred dollars per acre, and are cheap if judicious selections be made at much higher rates.

HARFORD COUNTY.

This county lies immediately west of Cecil, from which it is separated by the Susquehanna river and the head of the Chesapeake Bay; its western boundary is Baltimore county from which it is separated by the Gunpowder river. Its northern by the State of Pennsylvania and its Southern the Chesapeake Bay. It contains about three hundred thousand acres. The portion of it lying on the Bay is somewhat level and flat, with good drainage however. Its upper portion is hilly but not broken. The soils of the lower part are alluvial soils such as the white-oak soil and those formed by the washings of the Susquehanna formed from the various rocks through which this river runs.

In the upper portion, the soils are composed of the different varieties formed from granite, viz: red and white isinglass soils, mica slate, talc, &c. Some of these in their original state possess great fertility and all are capable of being cheaply improved to the very highest degree of fertility. This has been shown by practical results even amongst the most unpromising soils, within the last few years. The examples have been so numerous that the fact no longer admits of reasonable doubt. Its lands produce abundantly the finest varieties of wheat, Indian corn, grass for stock raising, with most excellent fruit and numerous varieties of the best table vegetables, all in easy reach of the daily Baltimore markets. It has large deposits of most valuable agricultural limestone by which great and permanent improvements has been made in its soils.

This county has rapidly improved its agriculture within the last few years, and notwithstanding the late depressing influences, has maintained a vigorous agricultural prosperity.

It is well wooded and water and its health, like the rest of the Alleghany Range has not been questioned. Its facilities for TRANSPORTATION are the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad, which passes entirely through the eastern portion of the county, and the Philadelphia tide-water canal which terminates at Havre deGrace at the mouth of the Susquehanna. It is also well supplied with good turnpike lands.