

It embraces all the varieties of soil common to the Blue Ridge division; such as the "limestone clay soils," mica slate and other varieties of granite soils, a very fine variety of hornblende soil in the neighborhood of Baltimore city, famous for fruits, flowers and vegetables, and on the bay excellent varieties of white-oak soil. It has vast deposits of several varieties of the best limestone, convenient of access to all parts of the county, and also to the whole country, many varieties of the best building stone, large deposits of most valuable marble, of which many buildings and the famous monuments of Baltimore are built; and the large monolithic columns (columns of a single piece of stone) are also furnished to the capitol at Washington from the quarries of this county. Besides these it has vast deposits of iron ore of the best varieties, with good mines of copper and chrome.

This county is, therefore, represented by almost every variety of intrinsic wealth in great abundance; raw materials, facilities for manufacturing them into the most valuable forms, direct access to the markets of Baltimore and the world, and a highly intelligent, energetic and industrious population, with a pure atmosphere, a mild and genial climate. Its soils, some originally most excellent, all capable of being cheaply made so, produce fine crops of wheat, Indian corn, rye, oats, grasses, fruits and vegetables. It is famous for the excellence and great perfection of its live stock of every variety. The productions of its dairies are also very large and famous for their excellence. *Its facilities for transportation* are very great, and are being constantly increased by the enterprise and public-spirit of its population. These are the Patapsco River and several other arms of the Bay, the Bay itself; and the P. W. & B. Railroad, on its eastern border, the Northern Central, and the Western Maryland through its middle portions, and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad on its southern Border; besides these it has numerous fine turnpikes traversing the county and giving with its Railroad system hourly intercourse with Baltimore city.

With all these advantages, the lands are comparatively cheap, and capital may be invested in them with certainty of remuneration. The price of its lands vary, of course, with improvements and locality, but good farming lands can be purchased at from twenty to one hundred dollars per acre, with all the collateral advantages which I have indicated.

It is well wooded, well watered and presents many locations of unsurpassed health and beauty.

**BALTIMORE CITY**, with its rapidly increasing population of now more than three hundred thousand;—with its European lines of steamships and other lines, keeping up constant communication with all the chief ports of our Union, the Islands of the sea and the country adjacent;—its lines of Railroads