

of the Union. The best judges have pronounced it particularly valuable for wool-growing, and already some of the best of the northern wool-growers have selected it as a location for the pursuit of their calling.

The Patapsco and Patuxent river, with their tributaries on opposite sides of the county, furnish magnificent water-power, which has been already improved by the erection of many first class cotton and woolen factories, flour, paper and other mills devoted to almost every branch of manufacture. These lying immediately on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, enjoy every convenience for the obtaining of the raw material and the exportation, to market, of their manufactured products.

The county has large deposits widely diffused, of most valuable limestone of the best varieties for agricultural and building purposes, of most convenient access, besides several varieties of the finest granite for building purposes, with most excellent house-brick clay. It enjoys the advantages of numerous schools and colleges.

From its contiguity to Baltimore, its county town Ellicott's Mills, being only distant nine miles, it enjoys excellent facilities for supplying the daily markets with farm products, which advantage is greatly enhanced by the demand for them in the numerous manufactories with which the county is studded.

The lands though, as a general thing well improved, yet sell at prices far below their intrinsic value, varying in price from ten to one hundred and fifty dollars per acre; in the latter case with most excellent improvements. This county has the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad extending through its whole north-western border, and the Washington & Baltimore Railroad on its eastern limits. Besides being thus surrounded on two sides by admirable Railroads, it has passing through it no less than three turnpikes, important adjuncts to its transportation.

It is well wooded and has abundant of the purest and best water. It enjoys the conceded health of the healthiest portions of the Alleghany Range, and has always been distinguished for the high social characteristics of its inhabitants.

Any law-abiding immigrant, from anywhere, will have the hand of fellowship extended, and may feel secure in the full fruition of his labor and skill in this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

This county is adjacent to the last named county on the south, from which it is separated by the Patuxent river; its southern boundary is the Potomac, which separates it from