

many other public and private buildings there, have been constructed. It has also great quantities of fine brick building clay. The face of the country is rolling, in some parts hilly; it has abundance of the finest water, and is well wooded.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal passes through a part of the western, and the whole southern border of this county, nearly enclosing one half of it. There is now a through Railroad under construction by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from the Point of Rocks to Washington City, which will pass through the central part of the county, and will prove of incalculable local advantage to it. Its early completion is a fixed fact.

Besides these there are several turnpikes passing through the county, which afford ready communication with Washington and Georgetown.

Its county town is Rockville, a very pleasant and agreeable village, about fifteen miles distant from Washington City.

CARROLL COUNTY.

This county is bounded on the north by the Pennsylvania State line, on the south by the Patapsco River which separates it from Howard county, on the east by Baltimore county and on the west by Frederick county.

The soils of this county comprise all the varieties of the Blue Ridge Division, viz. : white and red isinglass, clay, limestone, mica, slate, and the red land soils; they likewise embrace almost every grade as to their fertility, from those which are poor and unproductive, to those of the most exuberant richness. All of its soils have, however, either a good texture, or are capable of receiving it from the proper use of the natural sources of improvement in the county, viz. : lime, aided by judicious cultivation. This county has a high rank in agricultural improvement, some of the best managed farms in the State are found in it, and some of the finest herds of cattle are owned by its citizens. It produces abundantly all of the staple crops, such as wheat, rye, oats, Indian corn, the various grasses, fruits and vegetables, with large products of the dairy. Its proximity to Baltimore aided by turnpike and Railroad, give it great facilities of trade to the daily markets of that city.

The face of the country is undulating, raising into hills with no abrupt ascent, with perfect surface-drainage. The landscape scenery is very picturesque and beautiful, particularly in those portions of the county where the distant view of the Blue Ridge mountain lends great charms to the scenery. This part has been improved with many fine dwellings, and has a combination of advantages possessed by but few places out of our State.