

farms of large extent, varying from two hundred to one thousand acres; they have mostly been educated to the growing of wheat, corn and tobacco, and the cultivation of these, commenced by the ancestors over a century ago, has become a stereotyped custom from which they have no inclination to depart. Again, they have not the disposition to bestow upon a few acres the care necessary to produce profitable crops of vegetables. This must be the work of men of moderate means and consequently of few acres, who will cultivate their tract by the inch instead of by the acre.

The objection may occur to some mind anxious to arrive at the whole truth, and who may not be familiar with the locality of Maryland, that too much attention bestowed upon this particular branch of industry would create a stock sufficient to materially affect the prices when brought to market. To this objection let it be stated that the city of Baltimore has a population at present, nearly one half as great as the balance of the State, and besides other towns of less size, it is closely connected by railroad and steamships with the cities of Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and many intermediate cities of less note. Owing to its genial climate, vegetables and fruits grown in Maryland are in the market at least ten days before they can be produced in the vicinity of these cities. Agents from these places are to be found in scores, during the Spring and Summer months, in the markets of Maryland, competing with local buyers for the produce of the State, raising the prices by their competition, to an exorbitant rate.

Packing vegetables and fruits in cans for winter use, is also an extensive branch of business only limited by the supply obtainable.

Having briefly exhibited some of the advantages of a settlement in Maryland, those who are willing to accept the facts stated, and test them by a personal trial, will be anxious to know how they may obtain a place of suitable dimensions, it being stated above that the farms range from 200 to 1000 acres. The Commissioner of Immigration appointed by authority of the Legislature of Maryland, has made ample provisions to supply every applicant with a farm of any size, in any location at the most reasonable terms. He has at his disposal over three hundred thousand acres of land, most of it in improved farms, and a large quantity of woodland.

To accommodate more especially the class of farmers who desire to follow his suggestion in regard to the cultivation of vegetables and fruits, he has selected from this large quantity of land several large contiguous tracts in a delightful locality, bordering on a deep river, only seven hours travel by steamboat from the city of Baltimore. This tract is divided advantageously in lots of from one to fifty acres, and he is now pre-