

the higher branch of our legislature, who with just pride can point to successful results in proof of the truth of measures designed for agricultural improvement frequently in advance general public opinion.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

The next county to Queen Anns' in order is Caroline county lying adjacent to the State of Delaware. It is bounded on the north by Queen Ann's, on the south by Dorchester, on the east by Delaware, and on the west by Tuckahoe creek and the Choptank, by which it is separated from Talbot county.

The soils of this county comprise the usual varieties of the tide-water region, and principally consist of sandy loams, with a sub-soil of red or yellow clay of variable strength, sandy and white oak soils. These latter are found in great excellence in the lower part of the peninsular formed by Tuckahoe creek and the Choptank river, the sandy soils for the most part lay between the Choptank river and the Delaware line, whilst the sandy loams principally occupy that section which lies between the Choptank river and the Delaware line, alternating to some extent with the white oak soil. Shell marl of good quality is found in the neighborhood of Denton, the county town, and in some other parts of the country. The face of the country is slightly rolling, naturally well drained. The usual variety of staple crops, fruits and vegetables are here produced in great perfection, the climate and soil being very admirably adapted to the production of the latter, at an early period of the season, and in great excellence. Much advance has been made of late years in the cultivation and improvement of the soil, and, as a consequence, the price of land has rapidly advanced, but is yet very far from reaching its real intrinsic value.

Its facilities for navigation embrace both those of rapid and cheap transportation; the former by the Delaware railroad, which, entering at the northern part of the county, progresses through its northwestern part, and emerges from it into Talbot county, at Hillsboro'; and the latter, that is tide-water navigation, by means of the Tuckahoe creek from Hillsboro' and the Choptank river from Greensboro', where the Maryland and Delaware Railroad passes in the northern part of the county to its extreme southern border. No part of the county is more than three or four miles from the railroad or navigable water, and has a choice of markets by the former to Philadelphia and by the latter to Baltimore and all parts of the country.