

ber in a location like this,—directly on tide-water, and nearer than any other place to the great marts of consumption. The principal supplies of lumber are now derived from the mountains of Pennsylvania and New York, which before it reaches Philadelphia, Baltimore or Washington must be floated down mountain streams in time of freshets, then conveyed hundreds of miles by canal or slack water navigation, then by means of tide-water conveyance on the average as far as this location is from, before it reaches a market. In the one case, the uncertainties of freshets and the expense of canal or slack water navigation, in the other a calm, open bay. The advantages in the latter must need greatly preponderate.

The inlets, or ocean interior waters abound in clams, the finest oysters, with all the varieties of water-fowl.

*Facilities of Transportation.*—In this as in all of the Eastern Shore counties the advantages of facilities to various markets are varied and of the cheapest description. The Pocomoco River which divides this county into two nearly equal parts, is navigable for sea schooners to Snow Hill, the County town, nearly in the centre of the county, whilst its whole eastern border has free access to the Atlantic ocean, with easy transit to New York and the whole world.

The route of the Southern Air Line Railroad passes through on the ridge of hills separating the Pocomoke River from the Atlantic ocean, which will give access in a few hours to New York city and Philadelphia. This Road will be made, as a matter of necessity, as soon as political agitators permit the natural development of the resources of the Southern States, a measure which time will show to be fully as necessary to the prosperity of one section as to the other.

In the northern part of the county the Pocomoke, and Wicomico Railroad, connecting Berlin, a pleasant village in the northern part of the county with Salisbury, on the Nanticoke river in Somerset county, will pass through a very valuable section of the county, full of timber and agricultural resources. This Road will in a short time be completed and give to a large part of the county full and free access to the markets of Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

The lands in this county can be bought at very cheap rates, say from five to fifty dollars, the greater part of them for a sum less than the mean of these sums, and offer advantages either to immigrants from other States of our own country, or from foreign nations, of a very favorable nature.

The general tone of society is of the highest order, and the hospitable and kind nature of the Eastern Shore is fully sustained in this county.

The County town is Snow Hill, on the head of navigation on the Pocomoke River.

The above is an imperfect but fair exposition of the advan-