

*These pages were omitted on page 86. They should have followed in the general description of the Blue Ridge Division.*

Through one of its rivers, the Susquehanna, is now conveyed nearly all of the crude products of the forests of New York and Pennsylvania, and arrangements are now being perfected which will make this the source from which a great part of the Atlantic border will receive its supplies of lumber, the profits of this great trade will thus be secured to this section, and its benefits imparted to every part of the State.

The portion of the State which is included in this Division is all that part of the counties of Cecil, Harford and Baltimore, lying above tide-water, and Howard, Montgomery, Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties.

A brief description of each of these counties is all that is required, as they lay in a position where their general features are constantly subject to view from the highways of travel which intersect them, and because they have their counterpart in the country lying north of them in Pennsylvania and New York in all save convenience to market and genialty of climate; it being a fact widely promulgated from various authentic sources that the soil in the various regions holding the same general relation to the Alleghany mountains has great similarity in character, being formed from the degradation of the same rocks, and a similarity in the production of vegetable life influenced only by difference in climate.

The productions of the dairy hold a prominent place in this division, and cattle, sheep and hogs of the finest breeds, with horses of the best utilitarian blood are found in large numbers.

As a general thing, the various branches of husbandry are practiced with admirable skill and economy, and no part of the Union can present a superior practical agricultural population, none showing evidences of superior comfort and happiness.

If careful calculations be made, it will be found that with the intrinsic advantages of this division of the State, its lands even at their highest price, present far better advantages for