

INTRODUCTORY

ANNAPOLIS AS A TRADE, MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CITY

The Government of the City.—The City of Annapolis is a modern city in its order, government and advantages. It is a city pre-eminently orderly, breaches of the peace rarely occurring, serious crime is almost unknown, and courtesy and friendliness mark the bearing of its citizens one to the other, and the most modest resident seeks to preserve the tenets of the strictest code of "old Maryland manners." The city is well and honestly administered in its municipal government, and public defalcations or misuse of public funds are unknown. The city has telegraphic and telephonic lines; steamboat and railroad communication; a splendid supply of most excellent water; a fine Volunteer Fire Department; it has the very best modern paved streets, and is a law-abiding, healthful and agreeable city. Its vitrified street paving measures five and three-tenths miles, its rubble-stone five miles.

The Advantages of Annapolis.—The business of Annapolis is constantly increasing. The country about Annapolis is most productive of fruits, berries and vegetables suitable for canning. Farmers are ready to enter into arrangements to grow the vegetables that packers may need for their business. The very name of Anne Arundel is a commendation to berries, fruits and vegetables.

Annapolis as a Manufacturing Centre.—The proximity of Annapolis to several sources of raw materials makes it a suitable place for manufacturing interests. Close to the finest sand for manufacturing glass, Annapolis affords advantages in saving bulk freights. The city is surrounded with fine and ample beds of clay suitable for manufacturing bricks; it has near it the best quality of moulding sand; large veins of green sand stone lie near the city—a stone that possesses the admirable qualities of a softness, when first quarried, which allows it to be easily worked into shape, and then, by exposure to the atmosphere, it hardens. The oyster, the crab and the fish industries are capable of large development.

The Future Trade of Annapolis.—The trade of Annapolis must increase. There are elements connected with it that make this a commercial certainty. The improvements of the Naval Academy are yet unfinished. With their continuance, the growth of Annapolis is assured. When the Naval Academy was located at Annapolis in 1845, the city had but 3,000 inhabitants. Under the impulse of the new establishment, Annapolis and its vicinity has a population of 15,000. The people who have built new houses here are chiefly officers, mechanics and laborers who were, and are immediately connected with the Academy. The merchants and the professional men gather their tithes from those who receive salaries and wages from the Naval Academy. These scatter through their employees these benefits from their naval custom, and so the process proceeds until every class of trade in Annapolis is benefited. The Naval Academy has