

ably expended on this canal. But let us not mingle currents of feeling that ought to be kept entirely distinct, and separate, in the hearts of all who would do justice to all parties to these transactions. We may feel indignant at the conduct of those who decoyed the State into an unnecessary extravagance. But at the same time cherish a sacred regard for our obligations to the honest laborers who toiled faithfully in the service of the State, without inquiring, or being qualified to understand, if he had sought to know, what would probably be the result of that lavish outlay of public money, for which the officers of the canal company are alone responsible.

It is consolatory to know that the money expended on the canal is not to be like seed sown upon stoney ground.

It will yet bring forth rich fruits for the whole people of Maryland. The State may not get, and probably will not receive, repayment of all the money the State has expended to develop the resources of Allegany. The State may not receive large dividends on stock in the canal company. The State must for look recompense and remuneration in the immense increase that will at a future day be manifested in all that section of the State to which the canal is of such vital importance. And to that numerous hardy, enterprising and happy people, who will soon make Allegany their permanent homes. And in so doing assist in giving to Maryland her proper position in our glorious confederacy. Opinions of men may vary as to the time when the canal may bear on its bosom, a quantity of coal sufficient to yield dividends to its stockholders. But there can be no diversity of opinion as to the immense value of the coal regions of the Allegany. From the Pennsylvania line to the Fairfax stone, standing at the head of the north branch of the Potomac, a distance of over thirty miles, are coal veins two miles broad. These veins are from eighteen inches to eleven feet in thickness. In the summit coal field, and in the coal field extending along the valley of the Youghiougenny river, explored by Professor Duncatell, we have a quantity of coal equal to that deposited in the field first mentioned. To all this immeasurable wealth, if we add the vast deposits of iron ore, slumbering in the mountains of the Allegany, and the immense virgin forests of timber, we may form some feint conception of the extent to which this section of Maryland will, one day, (and that day not very far distant,) add to the wealth, and power of the State, we all desire to see honored.

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