

cannot admit of a doubt. The work is a great one, but not too large for science and enterprise to undertake; and if the accomplishment of the work should enhance the value of the lands but five dollars an acre it would repay the expenditure of a quarter of a million of dollars.

Let improved farming implements take the place of those brought over by the early colonists, and skill and care direct their use; the land be fed by scientific manuring instead of being turned out to fallow two years in five, and not only will two blades of grass grow where one grew before, but it will create a necessity for more and better craft to sail up its rivers and bring the products of its wide and teeming gardens to the markets of all the Atlantic cities.

No surface is better adapted for the construction of railroads, and the same necessity will extend the Delaware road to the limits of Virginia, with paying branches to every considerable town upon the Eastern Shore.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Worcester county, the southernmost county of the Eastern Shore, extends along the Atlantic coast, from Delaware to Virginia, the State lines of which form its boundaries North and South, while Somerset county bounds it on the West.

This county is one of the largest in the State but contains much waste land at present unfit for any agricultural purposes. The Cypress Swamp in the North occupies as has been already remarked an area of 50,000 acres, and is the source of many streams. It is a high and level basin, very wet though undoubtedly the highest land between the sea and the Chesapeake bay. It might be reclaimed by a systematic drainage, and would greatly augment the wealth of the county. The experiments upon portions of its soil which have been drained and planted, amply demonstrate its unsurpassed fertility. It is in this morass that the Pocomoke river takes its rise, and from thence it flows southward receiving the whole drainage of the middle portions of the county. There are also many other outlets to this swamp, which flow eastward, and pour their waters into St. Martin's river or estuary, on the Atlantic shore.

The Atlantic coast of Worcester county, is a long narrow sand beach from a few yards to one-fourth of a mile in width inclosing a shallow bay, which is accessible only to small water craft. This bay is more prolific in wild duck and oysters than any other water in this country. It is known in Maryland by the name of Sinepuxent bay, but on the Virginia coast, near