

In climate, the heats of this county may be ranged with Philadelphia, though it has the same latitude as Washington; the salt waters probably allaying the extreme heats of summer.

The rivers and estuaries abound in fish, oysters, crabs, ducks and other game, and there is no season of the year but brings some one or many of these choice dishes for the table.

Bog iron ore is found in some localities in this county, but is not worked.

TALBOT COUNTY.

Talbot county is bounded on the East and South by the Choptank river, on the West by the Chesapeake bay, and on the North by Queen Anne's county. Its coast toward the Chesapeake is very irregular, and deeply indented with inlets and estuaries, forming the land into peninsulas and islands. The Wye river separates it from Queen Anne's county. The principal streams within the county are the St. Michael's river, Treadhaven river, Broad creek and numerous other small streams.

A remarkable feature of this county, and one that has contributed largely to its prosperity is its immense navigable water front. "Nearly three fourths of the farms of this county have navigable water at their doors, and of the balance the farthest is not five miles from a boat landing." With such extensive water privileges, and the abundance of fish for which the Chesapeake and its tributaries are renowned, fisheries could be prosecuted here to any extent.

The climate is moist and warm, the longevity of the inhabitants is beyond the average, and good health is universal.

The soil of Talbot in the upper portion of the county is loamy, with a red clay sub-soil: in the lower part, "white oak" soil predominates. Throughout this county are large deposits of shell marl, underlying which is the green sand marl. (This last is the positive statement of scientific men, and as the Eastern Shore has been, either facetiously or maliciously, represented as having been made of the odds and ends of creation, there can be little doubt that if there was any green sand marl left when New Jersey was finished, it will be found somewhere on the Eastern Shore.)

On the Choptank river thirty miles above its mouth, and five miles from Easton lies an immense bed of marl in a situation most favorable for shipment. **With proper conveniences**