

a proprietor could do a good business by delivering it on board schooners for two cents a bushel. Thus it might be served at a hundred points on the bay, with no extra cost save the freight, which would be little. This marl contains from 35 to 40 per cent of shells crumbling to powder, and is more beneficial to many soils than the imported guanos. It is usually dug in winter, when there is no other work for the farm hands. But it might be dug at any season.

The land according to quality *inland* is worth from \$20.00 to \$70.00 per acre. Fronting navigable water from \$45.00 to \$100.00 per acre, and with superior improvements somewhat higher. Wood land is distributed amongst the farm land, and sells at the same prices. Worn out lands range from \$16.00 to \$30.00 per acre. Farms can be purchased of any size from 50 to 900 acres.

Since the county has been limed, drained, and cleared, malarious diseases have almost entirely disappeared.

The leading products in the order of their importance are, wheat, corn, oats, sorghum, tobacco and flax. Peaches and some other fruits are extensively cultivated, but the statistics are not at hand which furnish an approximation of their value. From the early maturity of fruits, and their long time of bearing, it is probable this will prove the most valuable crop to the farmer.

Wine of fine flavor and quality is made throughout the county, but hitherto not in sufficient quantities for exportation.

The little water power there is, is occupied with mills. The natural timbers are oak and yellow pine of the best quality for ship building; also hickory, chestnut, locust, cedar, ash and poplar.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Queen Anne's county is separated by Chester river from Kent county, which lies on the north of it; on the east it extends to the Delaware State line, on the south-east, it is separated from Caroline county, by Tuckahoe creek, and from Talbot county by Wye river and Eastern bay, and on the west is bounded by the Chesapeake. Kent, a large island on the bay shore, constitutes a portion of the county, and is notable as having been the site of the first settlement within the State.

The soils, though various, are mostly of the kind known as "white oak" soil, with a red clay sub-soil, and are well adapted to the cultivation of grains and grasses. The lower