

portions of the county are peculiarly favorable to the growth of wheat. The surface is low, gradually sloping from the interior, drained by numerous creeks, with patches of forest dotted upon every farm. These forests are universally wet, and very frequent springs of running water are traced to their shady depths. Marl of a superior quality is abundant, and much used as manure.

The water is good.

The only mineral found is bog iron ore. Some of the largest "truck" farms on the Eastern Shore are found on the shores of this county.

Farm land can be had at prices ranging from \$20.00 to \$100.00 per acre. Wheat, rye, corn and oats are grown.

KENT COUNTY.

Kent county occupies the whole of the peninsula between Sassafra river and Chester river, and also several islands in the wide estuary of the latter river.

The surface is high and rolling, generally dry, and well drained by creeks flowing into its border streams, and its soils are very fertile. Wheat and corn and every variety of vegetable esculents grow abundantly. The grass is rich and nutritious and the live stock fed upon the farms is in greater number than in most counties of the State. Peaches are raised in immense quantities, and other fruits in smaller amounts.

Chills and fevers to a limited extent prevail in the autumn near fresh water locations.

The price of good lands is from \$60.00 to \$70.00 per acre. Wood land sells at the same rates. There is but little worn out land, and it is held from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per acre. The average size of farms has been about 250 acres, though there is so great a difference in the extremes that it is almost impossible to make an average.

The products of the county are forwarded to market by water; and steamers ply up and down the Chester and Sassafra rivers to Baltimore during the most of the year.

Grapes have been cultivated with much success, and wines are manufactured in this county which compare favorably with the best produced in the United States.

CECIL COUNTY.

Cecil county occupies the north-east corner of the State, east of Susquehanna river, and north of Sassafra river, meet-