

ing the State line of Pennsylvania on the north, and Delaware on the east. It is traversed by the great line of railroad which connects Washington with the north; and crossed by a canal which joins the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, and it is intersected by the North-east, Elk, Back and Bohemia rivers, and bordered by the Sassafras and Susquehanna. All these rivers afford navigation, and some of them in the interior of the county have sufficient descent to afford a fair supply of water power.

The soil is light and loamy, with a reddish clay sub-soil, interspersed with some barren tracts. Marl is abundant, especially on Bohemia river, and is extensively used.

In the lower part of the county, where the soil is lighter and more sandy; peaches are successfully raised, probably to the value \$50,000 annually. This crop pays an average profit of \$175 a year per acre clear of all expenses. There is a large region of country lying between the Elk and North-east rivers, of a sandy soil, growing chesnut generally, that would make excellent truck and garden farms, and which could be bought at low prices. Lying midway between Baltimore and Philadelphia, with railroad and water communication, already established, direct with both cities, and but six or eight hours distance from New York, for convenience of forwarding fruits and vegetables to the most desirable market, Cecil county is most fortunately located.

There is but little wood land in market, the price of which according to convenience and quality ranges from \$30 to \$60 per acre. Good land under cultivation sells from \$50 to \$100 per acre, according to location. There is much poor land in the county, valued from \$10 to \$20 per acre. Cultivated lands are not generally so much exhausted as they were ten years ago. This is owing to the universal use of lime which has been applied upon the shore lands abundantly, because of the facility with which it could be transported to the lands, and the great cheapness of the lime as a fertilizer.

Grass has been for many years a most profitable crop. "A gentleman of large experience and the highest character, told me a year ago, when hay was not so high as it is now, that his land in grass paid him the interest of \$500 per acre, clear of taxes." Some years ago many families from Pennsylvania and New Jersey bought farms in the northern part of the county, and upon credit, but all who went earnestly to work have cleared their farms from debt, and some have become rich.

Fish and wild fowl abound upon the bay and rivers. At one time shad and herring fisheries were largely prosecuted, but of late they have somewhat declined.