

any old resident will readily and easily teach him. He may then pass the acclimation without peril.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

Anne Arundel county lies on the west side of the Chesapeake bay, between the bay on the east, the Patapsco river on the north and the Patuxent river on the south. The north-western part of the county was in 1851 formed into the county of Howard. On the south it joins Calvert county.

The surface save in the vicinity of rivers is undulating and pleasantly diversified. Near the bay the land is generally low and in some places wet. The soils are of every variety, from the stiffest clay to the lightest sand, with all the intermediate shades. The lower part of the county consists of hills and plains of clay and sand, the hills rarely elevated more than a hundred feet above tide water. There are some very fine soils in this county and extensive marl deposits which furnish a rich manure.

The prices of land are exceedingly various, ranging from \$5 00 to \$100 00 per acre. The contiguity of the county to Baltimore and the great facilities for transportation to its markets by steamboat, schooner and railroad, and also to those of Philadelphia, Washington and Annapolis, have enhanced the price of land suitable for fruit and market gardening, and have led to a successful and profitable cultivation of small crops. Potatoes, yams, corn, cucumbers, garden peas, cabbage and tomatoes are largely cultivated. United with the culture of these and other vegetables is that of small fruits. The melons of Anne Arundel, particularly the cantaleupes, have a fame for their superior flavor in all the eastern cities. Anne Arundel strawberries have no superior, and some of the growers devote as high as two hundred acres to the production of this luxury and find a ready market for all they can produce. The soil and climate are both admirably adapted to the culture of the grape, which though recently introduced for the manufacture of wine, has been sufficiently tested to warrant success.

That part of the land lying immediately upon the water courses is more or less subject to autumnal fevers, (which would without doubt, disappear as elsewhere under a judicious system of drainage and culture,) but nine-tenths of the county is now as healthy as any part of the State.

Shad and herring are caught in limited quantities and oysters in exceeding great abundance and perfection. From the earliest times these salt water luxuries have been the pride and boast of the people of this county, with the comical draw-