

## HARFORD COUNTY.

Harford county on the east reaches to the Chesapeake and Susquehanna river; on the north it touches the Pennsylvania State line, and it extends west and south to the confines of Baltimore county.

The southern part of this county is low and flat, and has extensive arms of the Chesapeake penetrating far inland, which receive the drainage of about one half the county. The northern part of the county, which is high, hilly, and rocky, is watered by Deer creek and other branches of the Susquehanna river.

In the lower part of the county, clay soil predominates, mixed with sand and gravelly loam. The people of the county have always maintained that no better farms can be found than they can show in "old Harford." In all parts of the county are excellent grass lands, and varied harvests. Wheat, oats, and Indian corn are largely cultivated, and the culture of sorghum has advanced with unusual rapidity. There was produced last season in this county more than 25,000 gallons of sorghum syrup. Mills have been erected for grinding and pressing the cane.

The farms and roads generally bear testimony to the great improvement made in agriculture during the last 10 or 15 years.

There are some fine sites for milling and manufactures, and an abundance of excellent water power. The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road traverses the county. The Tide Water Canal winds down the Susquehanna to Havre de Grace and then with the Chesapeake and its arms afford a ready communication with excellent markets.

A little distance from Abingdon, porcelain clay, pure white, free from metallic oxides and impurities, has been discovered, and if the proper manufacturing establishments were started, an abundance of clay could be furnished, fitted to make the finest of porcelain ware. The county contains very valuable mines of iron and chrome which are partially worked, and of magnesia which is hardly worked at all.

Good land can be purchased for \$30.00 per acre. Wood land at \$15.00 per acre; and worn out land at about the same price. The farms are generally from 100 to 150 acres in extent, but in some instances much larger.

The shad and herring fisheries, chiefly in the Susquehanna, are extensive, though not as largely prosecuted as some years ago. In the autumn, acres of ducks, geese and swan are to be seen in the estuaries of the Chesapeake, and afford much