

appropriated, furnish great resources for manufacturing purposes, whilst its contiguity to several large cities, and the facilities for the transportation alike of produce and manures, with the peculiar excellence of the soil, give it high qualifications for fruit-growing and gardening purposes.

In every part of this section we have either the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries, navigable rivers, or facilities for the transportation of manures or produce on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, the Baltimore and Ohio, or the Washington Branch Rail Road. Its rivers, below tide-water, and Bay are abundantly stored with the finest wild fowl, with oysters, terrapins and fish, the Potomac river being celebrated as affording the largest herring and shad fisheries in the Union, or perhaps in the world. The particular local advantages of each county are of the highest order. No part of the United States is superior to this in its convenience to market. Alexandria, destined to be a large city, is easily approached from the counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George, being immediately opposite the latter county. The city of Washington, the capitol of and one of the best markets in the Union, with Georgetown adjoining it, can be approached from St. Mary's or Charles county by means of the Potomac, whilst the counties of Montgomery and Prince George's are immediately contiguous to them. Baltimore, the great emporium of the South, lies almost surrounded on two sides by the counties of Howard and Anne Arundel, and is of very easy access to Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's, by means of the Chesapeake Bay. There is scarcely any place in this whole district that is distant ten miles from a first rate market, or from natural navigable water, Rail Roads or the Canal. There is thus every requisite that the most covetous could desire for agricultural advantages. In some parts of it large deposits of iron ore exist. In other sections abundance of lime-stone of the best quality for agricultural purposes are found. There are also some beds of good chrome ore, with granite, seneca sand-stone and marble for building purposes. Nothing is wanting but careful cultivation, industry and a knowledge of the proper employment of manures to make this among the most valuable portions of the United States. In no place can capital be better employed in the purchase of land, and no where will labor and skill meet with speedier returns or greater rewards.

The great and growing cities which lie on either side of this district must require an increasing amount of food, which can best be produced in their immediate neighborhood. The convenience of a market will enable its inhabitants to take the first advantage of every rise in produce, whilst the same favorable locality will always give them an advantage in other respects over remote