

this is a very important item, and materially lessens the cost of mining, and in the same measure increases the profits of coal mining.

*Fire-brick Clay.*—This is found in very large quantities and of very superior quality in the coal measures of this county, and has become a profitable branch of manufacture.

*Iron Ore.*—There are large quantities of this found in the county, particularly in the Youghiogheny Valley, in the the western part of the State. The ore embraces various excellent varieties, and lies contiguous to good coal for its reduction. Proper examinations will show this section of the county to be very rich in this ore. Any more full description of the vast mineral resources of this county would be out of place here, enough having been said, and is already known, to attract attention to the mineral wealth of this region, and capitalists will depend more on special examinations made at their own instance than any general report.—The county has large quantities of Whiteoak, Hemlock, Wild Cherry and other timber, and a great amount of water-power.

*Limestone.*—Accompanying the coal formation, large quantities of bituminous limestone are found in parallel layers.—This limestone is an integral part of the coal formation. On Martin's mountain, between Evatt's and Polish mountains, it is also found in large quantities. Indeed the localities of limestone are so numerous in this county, that a bare enumeration of them would take much space. They are more than will ever be used, whether for roads, buildings ore fluxes or agricultural purposes.

They are all Dolomites, containing from 8 to 40 per cent. of Carbonate of Magnesia.

It has connection with both the east and west, by means of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and with tide-water at Georgetown, by means of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal — A Railroad also passes through the Eastern Coal Field, affording every facility for the transportation of its coal.

The National Turnpike passes through this county, and was at one time the sole line of communication between the great Mississippi Valley and Baltimore city.

The county town is Cumberland, at the western terminus of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, 179 miles distant from Baltimore by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which passes through it.

The great resources of this county has been as yet but very partially developed, but vigorous efforts are now being made, with every prospect of success, to unlock its vast treasures and render them of use to all the great interests of the country.