

(It may be mentioned in connection with this subject that, in addition to the supply from her own state, Baltimore draws annually from Pennsylvania about 100,000 tons of hard coal - During the past year however, owing to strikes among the miners, and damage done to the canals, the total amount has only come 100,000 tons - This coal has cost during the year from \$9.50 to \$13 per ton -)

The miners are paid seventy five cents a ton, and a good hand will break five tons a day. They are principally Irish, Scotch, and Germans -

Iron ores exist in great abundance throughout the state, and have at various times been extensively mined - Carbonate of Iron, Brown Hematite, and Bog Ore, are the kinds most in use - Mines of Magnetic Oxide, and specular Oxide, of iron are known to exist, but have not been worked -

There are several copper mines in Maryland, and the ores of some of them are very rich, but unfortunately these mines have been hitherto worked with a view to stock speculations rather than to a proper development of the property, and no positive opinion can yet be formed as to whether the ore exists in sufficient quantity, and depth, to render its working a profitable business.