

five miles of it, and that this railroad is now offering every facility to farmers to transport their produce to market, and to bring from the city the needed fertilizers. The shores of the island abound in the best qualities of edible fish, oysters, clams, mussels, scollops, lobsters, crabs, etc., and the game-birds and four-footed game of the whole region are abundant. On the island are forty factories for the production of oil from the menhaden, and the fish-scrap, or guano, one of the best fertilizers known, is now sent away from the island, because there is little or no demand for it there. This apathetic condition is now passing away and the Long Island farms are in demand.

The land can be cleared at from five to ten dollars per acre, some of the timber being large enough for building purposes or for railroad ties. It will yield from twenty-five to thirty-five bushels of wheat, or from twenty to twenty-eight bushels of rye, to the acre, from 250 to 350 bushels of potatoes of the best quality, and with good cultivation and fair manuring, the whole region can be transformed into market gardens, fruit orchards, and strawberry, blackberry and raspberry lands of the greatest productiveness, and for all these products there is an unfailing demand, at the highest prices, in New York and Brooklyn and the cities adjacent.

This is a very paradise for the market-gardener. The great cities of New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City and Newark, and the smaller cities and towns of Hoboken, Bergen, Bayonne, Long Island City, Yonkers, Garden City, Breslau, Hempstead, Flushing, Jamaica and Huntington—having together a population of two and a half millions—are all largely dependent upon this region for market-garden produce. The great summer resorts of Coney Island, Rockaway Beach, Long Beach, Fire Island, Montauk, etc., all on Long Island, which are visited by more than two millions of people every season, furnish additional markets for all the fruits, vegetables and root crops which can be raised.

The new system of Ensilage is destined to work wonders on these Long Island and New Jersey lands.\* By its use and the

\* *Ensilage* is the name given to a preparation of green forage plants for winter feeding. The plants may be corn (the taller and larger growing varieties preferred), cut when it is "in the silk;"