

# VIRGINIA.

**Population 1,655,950.....Dem. Plur. in 1892, 50,715**

Dem. vote, 163,977; Rep. 113,262; Peop. 12,275; Prohib. 2,738.

STATE CAPITAL, RICHMOND.

VIRGINIA is bounded north by West Virginia and Maryland, east by Maryland and the Atlantic Ocean, south by North Carolina and Tennessee, and west by Kentucky and West Virginia. Its greatest length from east to west is about 440 miles, its greatest breadth 192 miles; land area, 40,125 square miles. The surface is divided into six great natural divisions, the Tidewater comprising the south and southeast; the Middle, an undulating plain, extending westward to the Coast Range; the Piedmont, from the Coast Range to the Blue Ridge Mountains, and from the Potomac River to North Carolina; the Blue Ridge, stretching across the State in a southwesterly direction; the Valley—a part of the great Appalachian Valley, reaching from Canada to Alabama—a broad belt of rolling country between the Blue Ridge and the Kittatinny or North Mountain; and the Appalachian, a mountainous region traversed by the Alleghenies. The soil in the Tidewater region is a light sandy loam, yielding large crops of vegetables and small fruits. The Valley Region has a rich fertile soil, well adapted for cereals, of which corn, wheat, oats and rye are the principal. Much of the Mountain Region is uncultivated and chiefly forest land; but the parallel valleys are very fertile. The Piedmont, Blue Ridge, Valley, and Appalachian regions are noted for their grasses. The yield of tobacco is only equaled by that of Kentucky. Some cotton is grown in the Tide-water section; fruit grows all over the State. A considerable part of the tide water region is devoted to raising early vegetables for northern markets. Dairying, stock raising, and wool-growing are important industries. The timber export is large. There are profitable fisheries of bass, shad, etc., and the oyster trade is very important. The manufacturing interests are comparatively small, but are increasing, the chief seats being Richmond, Alexandria, Danville, and Lynchburg. The more important products are iron, tobacco, leather, coke, cotton, paper, agricultural implements, machinery, etc. Virginia has excellent natural advantages for commerce, but it is only lately that she has begun to take a prominent part in foreign trade. There are beds of anthracite, semi-bituminous, and bituminous coal in the southwestern counties, not much developed; salt is an important product of this region. There are coal bearing strata in other parts of the State, particularly near Richmond; the coal is bituminous, and generally of good quality. Virginia has vast beds of gypsum and marl, abundant iron ore, fine granite, marble, and other building stones; zinc, sulphur, kaolin, fire clay, and many other minerals. It abounds in mineral springs of great reputation. Iron and manganese are extensively mined, also zinc and lead ores. Lime burning is an important industry. Considerable quantities of coal are produced from the Trans-Appalachian district, the total coal output increasing from 300,000 tons in 1893 to 1,250,000 in 1897. There are 100 Counties in Virginia; newspapers are published in 77.

**ACCOMACK CO. (E.).....Pop. 27,277**  
 Dem. vote in 1892, 3,529; Rep. 1,733; Peo. 182; Pro. 4.  
 Level; soil moderately fertile. Products—Large yield of corn, oats, white and sweet potatoes, butter, and wool. COUNTY SEAT, Accomack, pop. 300.  
 Peninsula Enterprise.....Dem.....Accomack †..... 800  
 Farmer and Fisherman.....Dem.....Belle Haven..... 750  
 Eastern Shore Press, Non-part.....Onancock..... 1,000

College Topics.....Coll.....Charlottesville †..... 300  
 Nelson Examiner.....Dem....."..... 380  
 Progress (evg.).....Ind. Dem....."..... 912  
 Progress.....Ind. Dem....."..... 2,100  
 Virginia University.....Coll....."..... 250  
 Magazine (mo.)....."....."  
 Courier.....Dem.....Scottsville..... 1,500

**ALBEMARLE CO. (C.).....Pop. 32,379**  
 Dem. vote in 1892, 3,646; Rep. 2,091; Peo. 32; Pro. 7.  
 Hilly and undulating; soil generally fertile. Products—Large yield of tobacco, corn, wheat, oats, and wool. COUNTY SEAT, Charlottesville, pop. 5,591.  
 Annals of Mathematics } Math.....Charlottesville †..... 250  
 (bi-mo.) .....  
 Chronicle (evg.).....Dem.....".....  
 Chronicle.....Dem....."..... 1,200

**ALEXANDRIA CO. (N.E.).....Pop. 18,597**  
 Dem. vote in 1892, 2,322; Rep. 1,661; Peo. 17; Pro. 1.  
 Hilly and soil poor. Products—Corn, wheat, oats and hay. Bricks manufactured in large numbers. COUNTY SEAT, Alexandria, pop. 14,339.  
 Gazette (evg.).....Dem.....Alexandria †..... 600  
 Gazette (tri-wkly).....Dem....."..... 650  
 Leader & Clipper (Col'd).....Ind....."..... 1300  
 Times (evg.).....Dem....."..... 1,000

CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. \* Sworn.  
 POPULATION: Census of 1890. \* Estimated. † County Seat.