## What the Hog has Done.

It is well, when we contemplate with pride and satisfaction the developments of western civilization, to give honor to whom honor is due. In point of fact, much of the splendor of our achievements is due to that most despised of all farm animals in the popular estimation—the hog.

Kansas city, Omaha, St. Louis and Chicago boast of their marvellous growth during the past two or three decades. They attribute it to their natural advantages, to their admirable facilities of transportation, and to the intelligence and enterprise of their people. In point of fact, much of it is due to the hog. The establishment of the pork packing industry in any city of the west is universally regarded as a pledge of prosperity, present and future. Wherever the hog has gon, to market in large numbers, packing establishments have sprung up as by magic. Deposits increased in the banks, stores of the great merchants were filled with customers, and the laboring man's home swelled the population and largely increased the wealth of these cities. Were the pork packing establishments removed from any of these cities there would be, for the time being, industrial paralysis, bankruptcies and failures. Few men realize how much of the comfort and prosperity which they enjoy in these cities depends upon the hog.

Again, for all these years the hog has been feeding a hungry world. In the peasant temes of Europe, on the cotton plantations of the south, in the mining camps of the west, and wherever great armies move, pork products are to be found as one of the staple foods of man. The toothsome ham is as grateful to the palate of the millionaire as it is to the palate of the soldier, or miner, or peasant. Tender, sweet and toothsome, it is as grateful alike to the palate of the child, of the laborer and of the old man who looks back over his long years of good feeding and remembers with pleasure the hog.—Wisconsin

Farmer.

### Canal Tolls.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Marine Association, held at Toronto recently, D. G. Thomson, of Montreal, speaking on the question of free canals in Canada, showed that in aill cases during the past year the western farmer had paid the tolls on grain, and that it was not in the interest of the farmer and grain dealer that the interest of the farmer and grain dealer that the interest of the farmer and grain dealer that the is should be imposed, being not only and injustice to the western farmer, but pulso tended to throw the bulk of the business via the Eric canal and New York.

Resolutions were passed urging the govern ment to reduce the high tariff now charged vessels for docking at the Kingston dry dock; also for the abolition of duty upon repairs made upon Canadian vessels in American ports; also in view of the prospects of free admission of Canadian coal to the United States through the operation of the Wilson bill the association urgo the Dominion government to admit United States coal free; also to urge upon the government the necessity for immediate action with regard to granting a site for a public elevator at Kingston, a large part of the export trade last year being diverted for want of this elevator; and finally for a reduction of the high price charged for discharging grain at Kingston.

W. A Geddes, of Toronto, was elected president, and Thomas Marks, of Port Arthur, first

vice president.

A strong deputation was appointed to wait upon the Dominion government to bring the above resolutions and other matters affecting marine interests before the minister's attention.



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