

MAY HONOR CARLSON BY TITLE MAYOR EMERITUS

Veteran Mayor Retires Today After Service of Twenty-six Years—Entered Public Life Forty-five Years Ago as Councilman—Ten Years on Public Works Board.

Samuel A. Carlson, who will retire to private life today after a service of 26 years as Chief Executive of Jamestown, will receive the title of Mayor Emeritus by resolution of the new City Council at its organization meeting this morning, a member of the new Council told The Post last night.

Mayor Carlson entered public life 45 years ago when he was elected to the Common Council as a representative of the Fourth Ward. He was re-elected in 1896, but resigned the same year to accept an appointment by Mayor Eleazer Green as a member of the Board of Public Works. He was secretary of that board during his decade of service, a period in which the city engaged in extensive sewer and paving operations.

As a member of the Board of Public Works he served in the administrations of Mayor Green, Mayor Oscar F. Price, Mayor Henry H. Cooper and Mayor J. Emil Johnson.

Mr. Carlson was first elected

Mayor in 1908 and was eight times re-elected, retiring following his defeat by the late Lars A. Larson in the election of 1927. He returned to the Mayor's office on January 1, 1930 and was re-elected in 1931. In 1933 he was defeated by Leon F. Roberts, but was again chosen Mayor in 1935 when he won in a contest with Mr. Roberts.

The retiring Mayor was one of the organizers of the New York State Conference of Mayors and served two years as its president. In 1933, he went to Europe as a member of a commission of seventeen public officials and educators to study conditions in cities of Germany and other countries. During his long career as a city official, Mayor Carlson has frequently been called upon to give addresses on municipal questions in many cities of New York and other states.

Committees of citizens are arranging a testimonial dinner in honor of Mayor Carlson. It will be given about February 1st.

Farewell Message and New Year's Greeting Given by Mayor Carlson

A New Year's greeting to the people of Jamestown was expressed yesterday afternoon by Mayor Samuel A. Carlson who turns over the guidance of city affairs to Harry C. Erickson in the City Hall this morning. Asked by a representative of The Post if he had any informal farewell to express on this New Year's morning, Mayor Carlson dictated the following for use in this issue:

"Today in the City Council chamber, where for more than one-third of a century I have participated in the pros and cons of municipal problems, I am scheduled to deliver my last and final message as chief executive. But, as a prelude to my official farewell message, I might say that during my extended public career I have seen our fair city take its place in the very van of progressive American municipalities, winning distinctions far and wide.

"On a day like this, it is well to dwell in retrospect and profit from lessons of the past, but it is also highly important that we turn our eyes and thoughts to the future especially in a time fraught with impending and momentous change in the modern world.

"In these credulous days, we must look forward to the attainment of spiritual betterments harmony with the philosophy the Man of Galilee. We must guard

our liberties against the subtle and insidious influences seeking their overthrow. We must aim to bring about a higher social and industrial order that will end the paradox of excess of abundance on the one hand and extremes of want upon the other. We must keep out of war. Almost any kind of peace is preferable to the horrors of modern warfare and the terrible price which such warfare entails.

"At this time, I want to convey to the people of this city a deep-felt gratitude for having had the privilege and the honor to serve the public in an executive capacity these many years. May the new administration under the leadership of our sturdy and worthy Mayor-elect Harry C. Erickson be crowned with a successful service in the pathway of common welfare and may all our people find in the new year greater happiness and a greater realization of the noble and finer things of life."