



SAMUEL A. CARLSON

Mayor Emeritus Samuel A. Carlson entered public life in Jamestown 58 years ago when he was elected alderman from the Fourth Ward.

But even before that he had visions of the vast electric plant which tomorrow marks its formal public opening. He was a strong advocate of an electric plant back in 1890 along with M. George Martyn, a local manufacturer.

He began his long career as Mayor of Jamestown in 1908 and held that office for a total of 26 years, and all during his public and later private life continued to push for the expansion of the city's electric system.

He was defeated twice during his mayoralty campaigns, the last time by Leon F. Roberts. But in the next campaign two years later staged a comeback and re-won the mayoralty post. At the end of this term, he retired and on Jan. 1, 1938, was named "Mayor Emeritus" of Jamestown by City Council.

Two years after his retirement he returned to public life as a member of the Board of Public Utilities under appointment by Mr. Roberts, who had been elected Mayor for another term.

He was one of the leaders in the organization of the State Conference of Mayors and twice ran for Representative in Congress.

Mr. Carlson was born on Oct. 28, 1863, the son of John F. and Louise Carlson. After leaving high school, he went into the furniture manufacturing business on lower Willard Street, near Winsor.

A short time later, he acquired an interest in the Vart Land Publishing Company, publishers of a Swedish weekly. He served as manager of the periodical until some time after becoming Mayor.

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