

per cent less than paid in most cities under private ownership.

Last year, the surplus account of the city's electric system climbed to a total of \$9,314,933, and the total assets of the system reached \$20,933,084. In a report from Washington, D.C., the Federal Power Commission disclosed early this year that consumers of the Jamestown system pay lower rates than those charged in 45 other Western New York communities served by private and public power firms.

With revenues from sales of electric power amounting to \$3,656,100 last year, the Board of Public Utilities paid \$400,000 to the city in lieu of taxes and \$50,803 in taxes to immediate suburbs of Jamestown.

When Mr. Carlson first ran for Mayor in 1908, it was on a platform calling for utility extensions, a city owned hospital, public market, parks, playgrounds, low cost paying, Erie R.R. grade crossing eliminations, non-partisan elections, and a new city charter. When he closed his career as mayor, he called attention to the fact that all of these proposals had been carried out.

Mr. Carlson started to work at age of 10 in one of the Jamestown worsted mills at 25 cents a day. He joined the YMCA at age of 14 so he could use its library and debate on one of its teams. He went to Sunday School in First Lutheran as a boy and later joined the First Covenant Choir at 13. He also played the snare drums in a city band.

In 1890 with his brother, Charles Carlson, he bought a small furniture factory then conducted by his uncle, Samuel S. Carlson.

Five years later he left the plant to purchase an interest in Vart Land Publishing Co., publisher of weekly newspaper in both the Swedish and English languages. The newspaper was continued until the Swedish immigration diminished after World War I.

Mr. Carlson married the former Freda S. Hendrickson. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 1953 just three months before her death. Their only son, Wendell L. Carlson, is research engineer with the Radio Corporation of America at its Princeton, N.J. plant.