

United States Senator Ed. J. Johnson of Colorado said:
"I have read the reports regarding your part in the development of Jamestown. Hearty congratulations on the constructive job you have done so well. I liked especially what Mr. Justice Robert Jackson said. He has told me about your city."

Professor Charles A. Beard, famous historian, writes:

"I rejoice in the well deserved honor which came to you in what I hope is only the middle of your career."

John B. Harris, former president of the New York Conference of Mayors, pays this tribute:

"The people of your community have good reason to honor you. While your name is interwoven with the operations and success of your electric plant, I am not unmindful of the many other forward looking movements you fathered in municipal administration. The record of the Mayors' conference has been greatly enriched by your efforts."

George V. Branch, director of public welfare, Detroit, says:

"I was delighted to learn of the celebration which marked your 50th year of public service—an achievement which must almost stand alone in our country's history."

E. George Lindstrom of Cleveland, author of the book "Out of the Sand" and other books, writes:

"I most heartily congratulate you on the wonderful work you have done for the citizens of Jamestown. In the early days I was in a position to know about your hard fought battles for the Common Good."

Following is an excerpt from a letter submitted by the Board of Public Utilities and signed by all its members:

Mayor-Emeritus Samuel A. Carlson

Jamestown, New York

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Fifty years of successful activity in public life during which the glare of publicity penetrated and illumined your life and works in the service of your native city not only draw together a distinguished company of your fellow townsmen to applaud and honor you, but this occasion presents an opportunity to your colleagues on the Board of Public Utilities to greet a venerable public servant whose achievements in the field of public ownership of electric and water utilities has added to the greatness of our city and gives glory and an example to the entire nation.