

### Merit Recognized

In recognition of his attainments in the field of municipal government, he was several years ago elected a life honorary member of the New York State Conference of Mayors, in which he was a leading figure.

Referring to some of the public Improvements championed by Carlson in the pioneer days, here is what The Jamestown Journal said editorially Feb. 21, 1894.

The man who worked in and out of season, to whom a large share of the credit is due, is Samuel A. Carlson. His sledge-hammer arguments fell in all places at the right time and no one seemed to be able to stand against them. He was armed with an array of facts and figures, and so well grounded in his position that it was impossible to shake him.

In reference to Mayor Carlson's connection with the early development of the electric plant, the following editorial appeared in the Morning News of April 16, 1895: "The people remember that it was through the efforts of Mr. Carlson, as Chairman of the Lighting Committee, that the work of extending the municipal lighting plant, which had already been ordered by an emphatic vote of the people, was brought about, after a delay of nearly two years, caused by the obstructions which were placed in the way by the representatives of private corporations."

On May 1, 1943 The Post-Journal said: editorially

#### OUR MAYOR EMERITUS

The whole town might well pause for a while today and give thought to the community service performed by Former Mayor Samuel A. Carlson who made his entry into public life just a half century ago and is still active in it. A studious youth deeply concerned in the problems of municipal government, he was, back in 1893, at the age of 23, elected a member of the old Common Council from the Fourth Ward, in which he was born and has always lived, and then in turn he became a member of the Board of Public Works, mayor for 26 years and, since his retirement from that office, has served on the Board of Public Utilities.

Down through this long span of years, he has made a contribution to the life of Jamestown which entitles him to the deep respect of all of our people, regardless of differences in