Friends Honor F. J. Sprague on 75th Birthday

Meeting of Appreciation and Tribute Held for Electric Trolley Pioneer

President Sends Praise

Hedley Broadsens Title to 'Father of Rapid Transit'

Frank J. Sprague, pioneer of the electric trolley, the electric elevator and many other electrical devices, was honored last night on his seventy-fifth birthday with a meeting of appreciation and tribute held in the hippodrome. From the telephone company, the electric company, the Savings Bank and other institutions, came a high praise for Mr. Sprague's work and a feeling that his work was helping to lift men and women out of the old hand labor into the realm of mechanical and electric work.

Mr. Sprague was born in 1839 and was one of the early founders of the electrical industry, being a prominent figure in the development of the electric motor and the electric trolley car.

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In a letter written to Mr. Sprague, the President of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, explaining the honor accorded Mr. Sprague's contributions to the rapid transit movement, he said: "Mr. Sprague has been a leader in the development of the electric trolley car and his work has been a major factor in the advancement of the electric industry. His contributions have been of great value to the company and to the public at large."