

Montrose Ave. Residents Oppose Change of Name

Residents of Montrose avenue aren't happy about the proposed change in the name of their street.

William Popham, 282 Montrose avenue, and William Corbett, 240 Montrose avenue, appeared before East Kildonan Council Tuesday night with a petition signed by 90 per cent of the residents protesting the change.

"We probably could have had 100 per cent," Mr. Popham said, "but some people were out and we didn't get back to see them."

Mr. Popham came armed with facts and figures to prove that Montrose avenue was much older than Montrose street, River Heights, which street will retain its identity.

He said that East Kildonan's Montrose goes back to 1900 when it was known as Montrose Place. In 1911 it was changed to Montrose avenue — one year before anyone heard of Montrose street.

At that time Montrose street was nothing but trees, whereas Montrose avenue had a number of houses built on it.

"Even as far back as 1914 when Montrose street had 18 houses on it," Mr. Popham said, "Montrose avenue had 106."

Mayor Suttie said he was aware that Montrose avenue was older than Montrose st., "but in this case," he said, "Montrose street was first to be registered."

Similar street names were never a serious problem, the mayor pointed out, until recently. "The only thing that was troublesome was mail delivery, but even this wasn't too bad because of the zone numbers.

"Now, with 999, this is another matter. During an emergency call a person might not think to say whether it is a street or avenue, and this could be serious," he said.

Mr. Popham was quick to point out that the residents had nothing against the sug-

gested name for their avenue —Larsen.

"I always had the greatest respect for the late Walter Larsen," he said, "but after all these years we don't like the idea of having it changed."

They decided to leave the petition with Council with the request it be presented to Metro.

"We'll do what we can," the mayor said, "but I'm afraid it's a tough problem."

He said Council protested the change when it was first suggested two years ago "and we never got anywhere then."

Ald. Nightingale pointed out that these new street names are already listed for printing in the new telephone directory, "Which I believe is in the hands of the printer right now."

Council agreed to take the petition to Metro.

"CINDERELLA" TREE

Poplar — the often-maligned "weed" tree of Manitoba forests—is again being thrust into prominence with the announcement that a new forest products plant to pressure-treat poplar is to be built three miles south of Boissevain.

Edward Coates, of Boissevain, president of Morton Timber Preservers Ltd., and Hon. Gurney Evans, minister of industry and commerce, have jointly announced that a \$45,000 plant, requiring 1,000 cords of Turtle Mountain poplar annually, will be in operation by mid-May, to treat fence posts, barn poles, timber for bridge decking, and lumber for docks, barns and granaries.