

Not German Name States Mr. Prust

Objects to Proposed Change of the Name of Prust Avenue

The Street Naming Committee has got itself "in Dutch" by recommending that the name of Prust avenue be changed to Maidstone avenue, on the ground that the former is of German origin. Mr. William Prust, after whom the street was named, has written to the Committee objecting to the proposed change, and declaring that "Prust" is a good old English name from Devonshire. Mr. Prust says in part:

"Among the names your Committee proposes to drop because of their German origin, I notice Prust avenue. I beg to inform you that the name of Prust is not a German name. It has not a particle of German in its composition. It is thoroughly English. My ancestors for past generations were born and lived in Devonshire, Eng. Since the year 1873 I have resided in Canada and have raised a family of Canadian-born children, some of them now holding responsible positions; and now to have the stigma of offensive Germans attached to our name is, in my opinion, inestimably more Germanic than the name Prust is German. I may add, that the avenue in question was named 'Prust' by a citizen who, at the time, was the owner of the property, as a duly-appreciated honor to myself."